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MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred and Forty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

Sandy Creek Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT UNION GROVE,
RANDOLPH COUNTY, N. C.,

October 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th, 1901.

Moderator—J. A. BALLENTINE, - - Jonesboro, N. C.
Clerk—J. F. KING, - - - - - Sanford, N. C.
Treasurer—D. O. BRYAN, - - - Jonesboro, N. C.

The next session of the Association will meet with the Church at Siler City,
Chatham County, N. C., on Thursday before
first Sunday in October, 1902.
The Introductory Sermon will be preached by L. R. Dixon at 11 o'clock Thursday.

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W. G. King, Carthage, N. C.
W. H. H. Lawhon, Lawhon, N. C.
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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

K. C. Horner, *Chairman*	Harper's Crossroads, N. C.
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TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

W. H. H. Lawhon ---------- 1902

D. O. Bryan	1902	L. R. Dixon	1902
J. M. Jordan	1903	J. T. Paschal	1903
N. A. Gilmore	1903	J. W. Dark	1904
E. V. Straughan	1904	O. B. Stroud	1904

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SANDY CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Union Grove, N. C., October 10, 1901.

The 143rd annual session of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association convened with the Church at Union Grove, Randolph County, N. C.

K. C. Horner, of Harper's Crossroads, preached the Introductory Sermon from 2nd Kings, 2:1.

After an intermission of one hour, Moderator Lawhon read the 4th chapter of Ephesians, led in prayer and called the Association to order.

The Clerk being absent, J. F. King was elected Clerk *pro tem.*

Letters were read from the Churches by D. C. Britt and K. C. Horner, and delegates enrolled as follows:

Aberdeen—
Bear Creek—D. F. Wilkie, N. F. Phillips, B. B. Stinson.
Bethany—L. R. Dixon.
Bethlehem—D. Hannon, J. W. Seawell, C. B. Fry.
Brush Creek—J. A. Ellis, G. W. Brooks, J. B. Gilbert.
Carthage—Jos. P. Seawell, George Matheson, L. H. Rose.
Cool Springs—J. F. King, S. G. Groce, J. A. Ellis.
Cameron—Wm. Rogers, Rufus Thompson, Chas. C. Jones.
Deep Creek—
Deep River—A. K. Scotten, W. W. Caviness, Thomas Davis.
Emmaus—Clarence Webster, W. W. Clark, G. M. Clark.
Ephesus—
Fall Creek—H. C. Lambert, R. W. Kidd, G. C. Phillips.
Flint Hill—
Friendship—N. J. Muse, J. T. Seawell, H. C. Dowd.
Gum Springs—A. C. Bridges, J. R. Lassiter, J. B. Burns.

Hickory Mountain—E. V. Straughan, W. B. Dorsett, W. J. Hackney.

Jonesboro—W. I. Brooks, Geo. C. Hunt, J. M. Leslie.

Love's Creek—G. W. Womble, A. W. Fitts, Ernest Womble.

May's Chapel—N. A. Gilmore, H. R. Howard.

Mechanic's Hill—J. G. Williams, George Moore, Eli Maness.

Mineral Springs—N. R. Dixon, J. R. Gilbert, W. R. Gilbert.

Moon's Chapel—J. M. Jordan, Henry Reitzel, E. L. Vestal.

Mount Olive—W. T. Walters, S. M. Lewis.

Mount Pleasant—Joel A. Kivett, O. H. Welch, Geo. R. Williams.

New Salem—E. P. Ellington, Peter Thrift, Edward Crutchfield.

Pine Grove—Moses Baldwin, Arthur Baldwin, M. E. Myrick.

Pittsboro—A. M. Moore, H. T. Chapin, E. C. Straughan.

Pinebluff—S. A. Ives, R. M. Hilburn, F. F. Hilburn.

Rives' Chapel—J. W. Dark, C. M. Webster, R. J. Watson.

Rock Spring—J. N. Hamlet, Mark Smith, W. W. Dismukes.

Rocky River—W. A. Duncan, Rufus Brewer, W. E. Johnson, W. C. Teague.

Sandy Branch—J. A. Phillips, B. B. Webster, I. H. Dunlap.

Sandy Creek—

Sanford—T. L. Chisholm, E. D. Nall, G. W. Temple.

Siler City—C. N. Bray, J. W. Sears.

Staley—C. G. Frazier, A. M. Staley, I. P. Frazier.

Southern Pines—

Tyson's Creek—K. C. Horner, B. B. Phillips, J. J. Moon.

Union Grove—Daniel Criscoe, J. S. Hancock, G. F. Garner.

MINISTERS PRESENT.

W. H. H. Lawhon, D. C. Britt, K. C. Horner, A. K. Scotten, T. M. Baldwin, L. R. Dixon, W. H. Strickland, D. R. Sears, O. T. Edwards, S. A. Ives.

VISITORS PRESENT.

G. W. Henderson, of the Montgomery Association; H. S. Lowery, of the *Biblical Recorder;* J. M. Bennett, of the *North*

Carolina Baptist; A. Johnson, of the *Charity and Children;* L. Johnson, of the State Mission Board; W. B. Owen and N. H. Shepherd, of the Montgomery Association.

The present Moderator requested the Association not to re-elect him and thanked the Association for honoring him with the moderatorship for seventeen years. He also presented the Association with a copy of Mell's Parliamentary Law.

On motion of D. C. Britt, a vote of thanks was given the retiring Moderator for his diligence and faithful services during his official term and also for the copy of Parliamentary Law.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for D. O. Bryan for Treasurer.

Officers were elected as follows: Moderator, J. A. Ballentine; Clerk, J. F. King; Treasurer, D. O. Bryan.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Union Grove Church.

Order of Business—D. C. Britt, K. C. Horner, T. M. Baldwin.

Periodicals—O. T. Edwards, J. W. Seawell, W. J. Hackney.

State Missions—W. H. H. Lawhon, N. A. Gilmore, R. J. Watson.

Foreign Missions—K. C. Horner, W. I. Brooks, W. C. Duncan.

Education—D. C. Britt, C. N. Bray, E. V. Straughan.

Home Missions—L. R. Dixon, J. W. Dark, J. N. Smith.

Temperance—Wm. Rogers, J. G. Williams, M. E. Myrick.

Sunday Schools—A. M. Moore, E. L. Vestal, H. C. Lambert.

Prayer Meetings—T. L. Chisholm, B. B. Stinson, J. R. Gilbert.

Orphanage—A. K. Scotten, J. W. Dark, J. A. Ellis.

Relief Board—T. M. Baldwin, W. B. Dorsett, J. A. Phillips.

Libraries—S. A. Ives, E. C. Straughan, C. G. Frazier.

Nominate Executive Board—D. R. Sears, N. A. Gilmore, B. B. Phillips.

Nominate Trustees of School—L. R. Dixon, C. M. Webster, W. R. Gilbert.

Place and Preacher—C. N. Bray, G. M. Clark, H. M. Lewis.

Auditing—W. I. Brooks, T. L. Chisholm, W. B. Dorsett.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

Benediction by W. H. H. Lawhon.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises were conducted by D. C. Britt.

The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

The Committee on Order of Business made the following report, which was adopted:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

We, your Committee on Order of Business, suggest that the Association convene at 9:30 a. m. and spend one half hour in hearing reports from the various Churches by delegates and in prayer services, also the following order of business:

FRIDAY.

Devotional Exercises	9:30	a. m.
Miscellaneous Business	10:00	“
Periodicals	10:30	“
Education	11:00	“
Prayer Meetings	12:00	m.
Adjournment	12:30	p. m.
Orphanage	1:30	“
Home Missions	2:30	“
Relief Board	3:30	“
Temperance		

SATURDAY.

State Missions	10:00	a. m.
Foreign Missions	11:00	“
Libraries	12:00	m.
Adjournment	12:30	p. m.
Report of Trustees of School	1:30	“
Corportage	1:45	“
Sunday Schools	2:15	“
Other Reports	2:30	“

D. C. Britt,
For Committee.

Letters from Mount Pleasant and Pinebluff were read and delegates enrolled.

PERIODICALS.

If one were called upon to mention the important factors of this, the foremost of all ages, he must name the pulpit, the platform, the school house and the printing press. This last agency stands along beside the pulpit in power. Every business enterprise receiving popular support invokes the aid of the printer, and any party or sect that undertakes the problem of existence without the support of a newspaper invites extinction.

The Biblical Recorder has stood for sixty-four years and more the faithful friend and sturdy helper of every object dear to our Association and our State Convention. It is doubtful whether any other single agency has done more to bring our denomination to its present high position. The duty of supporting *The Recorder* is two-fold. In doing so we are best promoting the Kingdom of God among men, while at the same time we are enlarging our own spiritual growth. It is ably and fearlessly edited, and the reduction of the price to $1.50 has removed the only difficulty ever urged against its circulation.

We have many worthy periodicals published by our denomination: *The North Carolina Baptist*, *Charity and Children*, *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Home Field* and the Sunday School literature of our Southern Baptist Convention, all of which we would recommend to the patronage of our people; but as *The Biblical Recorder* is the organ of our Convention, and has so long stood by our interests and done so much to promote our growth, proving to be a helper in every department of our work, we would especially recommend it to our people. It is well arranged and well printed with good type on good paper. In doctrine it is sound, free from loose inspiration, fights the late Christian Science idea, stands against Mormonism, speaks in opposition to the sanctification craze, and upholds strictly such doctrines as we find in the New Testament, and should make its weekly visits to every Baptist family in North Carolina. And every voter in North Carolina should read some of its pages to learn not to vote for men that will appropriate only about $1.00 for the poor and ignorant free school child, but give the college student from $50 to $100 per student.

O. T. Edwards,
J. W. Seawell,
W. J. Hackney,
Committee.

O. T. Edwards, H. S. Lowery, G. W. Henderson, W. H. H. Lawhon and D. C. Britt made strong speeches on the subject, after which the report was adopted.

EDUCATION.

Never in the history of this nation have Baptists been more enthusiastic in their efforts to educate the masses. This has been brought about largely by information as to the great need of developments which, we believe, can never be realized until our people are mentally advanced.

Baptists stand first and for all for the education of all alike. We believe in popular education. We believe the time has come when less aid, indeed, emphatically *no aid*, should be given to *certain public institutions* (the last relics of Episcopacy), because it is unjust for the State to spend from one hundred to one hundred and fifty dollars upon each of a few favored ones while only one dollar is spent for the education of each of the thousands of poor children now in the State. There are in North Carolina today 122,658 men above 21 years of age that cannot read and write. Of this number more than 54,000 are white men. There are fully

100,000 women over 21 years of age in the State who cannot read. There are 490,782 white children of school age in North Carolina today. Of this number only 263,217 are in school; 227,565 white children in North Carolina are not attending school at all. Of the 263,044 colored children in the State, 127,399 are in school; the others attend no school at all. Shall we sleep on over these awful conditions? Let us bear in mind that he who has most can lose most.

There are many reasons why we should turn our attention to the raising of our part of the Century Fund. Our part of it is $1,500. We should raise this fund of $100,000 as a "worthy Ebenezer which would proclaim to the world our grateful sense of His abounding mercy." We should do it because in the last century North Carolina Baptists have increased from 10,000 to 175,000; because God added to us as a denomination 80,000 last year; we should raise it because our principles are recognized as unquestionably true everywhere; it should be done for the sake of preparing our boys and girls for better service of God in their church at home and in foreign lands; we should raise this fund in order that our own State shall have boys and girls in every section educated at Christian schools and colleges, whose lives shall be spent in developing our rural district schools; we must do it because our influence in the future as a denomination in state and church life will largely depend upon Christian culture; we must do it because it is evident we are able to do it and it is God's will that we should.

We understand that Wake Forest College was founded for the purpose of educating young men called of God to preach the gospel. It is still doing what it can, possibly, in that direction. The Board of Education will gladly receive aid from the Churches.

The Baptist Female University has gone beyond our most sanguine expectations in point of enlisting and accommodating students. It is thoroughly equipped for first-class work in every respect. It is managed skillfully, wisely and successfully. We heartily commend it to those seeking educational advantages for their daughters.

At present our Associational School is located at Mount Vernon Springs and is under the principalship of Professor Underwood. We commend this school also.

D. C. Britt,
E. V. Straughan,
Committee.

The subject was discussed by D. C. Britt. The report was adopted and pledges taken amounting to $75.50 for Ministerial Education.

The Association adjourned for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Letters were read from Friendship, Deep River and Love's Creek.

The courtesies of the body were extended to ministers of other denominations.

On motion O. T. Edwards was appointed to write a sketch of the life of John D. Dorsett, to be printed in the minutes of next year.

STATE MISSIONS.

The object of State Missions is one of the first importance. Increased appropriations by our State Board call for extra effort on our part. We should not longer remain in debt to our State missionaries, "for the laborer is worthy of his hire." Our Saviour wills and commands that the gospel be preached to every creature. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Your Committee calls on all members of our Churches to recognize, learn and perform their duty to State Missions. "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" More and larger contributions from prayerful, loving, obedient hearts are greatly needed at this time. The Christian life means growth in beneficence. "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

W. H. H. Lawhon,
N. A. Gilmore,
Committee.

A strong and able speech was made by L. Johnson.

Pledges were taken amounting to $199.80, and a cash collection was taken amounting to $3.73.

TEMPERANCE.

God's word requires us to be temperate in all things, and temperance in the use of alcoholic drinks is one of the great questions which confronts us as a nation, as a Christian people and as individuals. The rum traffic is like a cancer—it is an eating sore, feeding on the very vitals of our nation. It is so deeply entrenched in our government that it will take something more powerful than moral suasion to stop its ravages and exterminate it from our country. It brings discord and strife into our Churches, cripples their influence and hinders the onward progress of Christ's kingdom in the world. It dwarfs the Christian who uses it and ruins his influence.

We would, therefore, urge every Christian in general and every Baptist in particular to use the means that are necessary to remove this curse from our land.

Respectfully submitted,
M. E. Myrick,
Wm. Rogers,
Committee.

Remarks were made by Wm. Rogers. Report was adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board is striving to supply the destitution in the Southern States and Territories and the Island of Cuba. This Board had 811 missionaries laboring on its various fields last year with good results: 6671 were baptized by them, making an average of over eight to each missionary; 7229 were received by letter, making 13800 total additions on their various fields.

The Home Board is co-operating with our State Board in trying to meet the demand of the destitution in North Carolina. The Home Board contributed $5705 to this co-operative work in North Carolina last year.

This Board has had wonderful success in its frontier work. In Oklahoma and Indian Territories there are 239 Churches, with 9021 members, co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention, though few of these Churches are, as yet, self-supporting.

We would urge the Churches of this Association to increase their contributions to Home Missions during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
L. R. DIXON,
J. N. HAMLET,
J. W. DARK,
Committee.

Discussed by L. R. Dixon and A. Johnson. Report was adopted. Pledges amounting to $143.00 were taken.

Dismissed by O. T. Edwards.

O. T. Edwards preached at Whynot at night.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association met at 9:30 o'clock.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. M. Bennett.

Letters from Mechanic's Hill and Carthage were read and delegates enrolled.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

The Book says: "Pray without ceasing. Pray always, lifting up holy hands." If a Church would be alive and strong a regular prayer meeting is necessary. We would, therefore, recommend that each Church come together as often as possible in this capacity, and that pastors urge the importance of holding regular prayer meetings in their Churches.

Respectfully submitted,
B. B. STINSON,
J. R. GILBERT,
D. R. SEARS,
Committee.

The subject was discussed by J. R. Gilbert, O. T. Edwards, K. C. Horner and D. R. Sears.

MINISTERS' RELIEF BOARD.

The work of the Ministers' Relief Board is a work of as great magnitude and of as much importance, perhaps, as any work the Baptists of North Carolina have in hand, and receives as little, if not less, attention than any other part of our work. Our educational institutions must be sustained, our Mission Boards must be supported. These are important works, and are designed to promote the best spiritual and temporal interests of the world and the spread of the great Bible doctrines as we as Baptists hold them, but, brethren, we should not be forgetful of our aged and infirm brethren who have, in years gone by, thrown their all upon God's altar and sacrificed it for the spread of the glorious gospel of the blessed Christ.

The mission of the Relief Board is to provide for the physical support of those faithful brethren whom age and affliction have thrown upon our Christian charities. Therefore, we should rally to their support. The needs of this Board are increasing more rapidly than our contributions to its work. The Board is making urgent calls for those old brethren who have stood where we are standing today.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend that all the Churches take a collection at their May and December meetings and that the pastors present urge the claims of this Board to their people, giving them the information so much needed concerning its work.

Respectfully submitted,
T. M. Baldwin,
J. A. Phillips,
Wm. B. Dorsett,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, speeches were made T. M. Baldwin, K. C. Horner, O. T. Edwards, Wm. Rogers and W. H. H. Lawhon. Report was adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

The fourth session of our Associational School opened on the 14th day of August, 1901, under the management of Prof. S. A. Underwood, as Principal, with Miss Bertie Edwards, of Durham, as his assistant, both of whom are giving entire satisfaction. We are sorry to say the prospects of the school are not so encouraging as they were last year. For the want of means we are unable to offer the accommodations necessary to build up a school. Our only hope for the continuation of this school lies in the hearty co-operation of the Churches with Trustees and Principal.

We, your Trustees, recommend that this Association ask for at least half of the amount that is to be raised by this Association for the Century Fund to be appropriated to the Associational School.

W. H. H. Lawhon,
L. R. Dixon,
B. B. Phillips,
D. O. Bryan,
N. A. Gilmore,
Trustees.

The report was discussed by W. H. H. Lawhon, S. A. Underwood and L. R. Dixon. The report was adopted.

ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, a paradise on earth and a gateway to heaven to so many fatherless and motherless children, should claim our most prayerful attention and enter deep into our affections as Baptists of North Carolina. It is a light to Christians, a wonder to skeptics. Under the wise and efficient management of J. B. Boone it is leaping and bounding, and has approached an aggregate greater than at any time in its history, numbering 210 bright and hopeful boys and girls. Is not the world made better, yea, much better, by her existence?

Oh, child-bearing queen of our State,
I thy fairest crown would see,
At thy sweet portals might I wait
To pay large homage to thee.

If we will but think of the Charity that inaugurated it, the Great

Spirit that projected it, who is he but that must plead loyal to this great and grand institution? Brethren, we must stand by it, with all our concentrated efforts and means, to promote and keep it until time shall be no more.

A. K. Scotten,
J. W. Dark,
J. A. Ellis,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, speeches were made by A. K. Scotten, and a A. Johnson. Pledges were taken amounting to $184.00. The report was adopted.

On motion the time for holding the Association was changed to Thursday before the first Sunday in October.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association convened at 1:30 o'clock.

L. R. Dixon preached at the Christian Church at this hour.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

That God is the author of missions cannot be doubted. (John 3:16.) Jesus himself was sent by His Father to earth on this work. He committed the work to His disciples and all who would love and obey Him. He said: "As the Father hath sent me, even so I send you." (John 20:21.) He also said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15.)

This clearly sets forth our duty, yet, we do so little—comparatively so. Shall we keep the light which we possess from the millions and hundreds of millions who are dying ignorant of the true light? Shall we not help our benighted fellow men, our dying brothers? It is ours to sound the tocsin, to give the alarm. Who calls us to this work? The author, God. It is a deplorable fact, but true nevertheless, that so little of what we give for benevolence goes to Foreign Missions. Why is this so? Is it not of itself indicative of selfishness in our giving? I think so.

We have missions in six countries. Three of these are Pagan—China, Japan, Africa, and three are Papal—Italy, Brazil, Mexico. We have 127 Churches, 102 missionaries, 171 native helpers. There were 1,009 baptisms last year. 21 new missionaries have been appointed. The work *must* go forward. Let's all help it to go.

We recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., to be helpful in giving information on this work.

K. C. Horner,
W. I. Brooks,
W. A. Duncan,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, the subject was discussed by K. C. Horner and A. Johnson. Report was adopted. Pledges were taken amounting to $144.50.

LIBRARIES.

We, the Committee on Libraries, urge all our Churches and Sunday Schools that have not libraries to go to work and procure one. The books will go into all the homes and delight and entertain while they instruct and elevate. Give the children of our Churches and Sunday Schools a chance, give them plenty of the best books if you would see them educate themselves.

C. G. Frazier,
E. C. Straughan,
Committee.

Speeches were made by J. A. Ballentine and A. Johnson. A collection was taken to aid in establishing a library at Union Grove Church amounting to $3.22.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Executive Board begs leave to report that we put A. K. Scotten in the field as Colporteur for only part of the year, with the following results:

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE WORK FROM MARCH 1, 1901, TO OCTOBER 1, 1901.

Received from Church Collections		$13.03
" " Board		7.90
Churches and Localities Visited	15	
Days Travelled and Devoted to the Work	45	
Books Sold and Donated	225	
Profit on Books		22.50
Total		$43.43

Respectfully submitted,
K. C. Horner,
For the Board.

Report was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We reap what we sow. The poison from the deadly doctrines of Tom Paine, Rosseau and Voltaire have brought forth the fruits of revolution, bloodshed, tears and eternal damnation, while the doctrines of the meek and lowly Nazarine have brought forth "Peace on earth and good will toward men." The world is sowing the seeds of vice and immorality. The Sunday School is sowing the seed of Christianity and is the mighty agency through which we are to fight and conquer the evils of intemperance, infidelity, Mormonism, Roman Catholicism, anarchy and the modern craze of sanctification. If the world is to be reclaimed from sin and darkness it must be largely through the Sunday School, and not by the preachers alone.

We are told to bring up a child in the way it should go and when it is old it will not depart from it. And if we take into consideration the fact that 85 per cent. of the additions to the Church are from the Sunday School we can readily understand the great responsibility and need of Sunday School work, and when we read how our Saviour set the example of teaching on the Sabbath day we wonder how any Church or body of men calling themselves Christians can help from feeling the great necessity of Sunday School work. It is to Christianity what God is to religion, one and inseperable.

Respectfully,
A. M. Moore,
E. L. Vestal,
H. C. Lambert,
Committee.

On motion set apart for 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

AUDITING.

We, the undersigned Auditing Committee, beg leave to report as follows: We have this day examined the Treasurer's book and account and find he has collected $271.77 and disbursed the same, for which we find proper vouchers.

This October 12th, 1901.

W. I. Brooks,
W. B. Dorsett,
Committee.

Report was adopted.

NOMINATION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, your Committee on Appointment of Executive Board, recommend the same brethren now composing that Board.

Respectfully submitted,
D. R. Sears,
B. B, Phillips,
N. A. Gilmore,
Committee.

Report was adopted.

PLACE AND PREACHER.

We, your Committee on Place and Preacher for the next Association, recommend Siler City as the place and L. R. Dixon to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Respectfully submitted,
C. N. Bray,
G. M. Clark,
S. M. Lewis,
Committee.

Report was adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That we, the Sandy Creek Association, desire to thank the Christian denomination for the use of their Church during this Association.

A. M. Moore.

Resolution was adopted.

NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL.

We, your Committee to Nominate Trustees of the Associational School, recommend that O. B. Stroud be reappointed, E. V. Straughan instead of J. D. Dorsett, deceased, and J. W. Dark instead of B. B. Phillips, who declines re-election.

L. R. Dixon,
C. M. Webster,
Committee.

Report was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Sandy Creek Association I beg leave to submit the following report:

Amount received,		Minute Fund	$ 26.55
"	"	State Missions	39.89
"	"	Home Missions	26.78
"	"	Foreign Missions	35.62
"	"	Education	28.64
"	"	Orphanage	59.33
"	"	Aged Ministers' Relief Fund	4.45
"	"	Century Fund	5.00
"	"	Mills Memorial Building	13.05
Total			$239.31

October 13, 1901.

D. O. Bryan,
Treasurer.

Report was adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to the brethren, sisters and friends of this Church and community for their kindness and generous hospitality. O. T. Edwards.

Resolution was adopted by rising vote.

On motion W. C. Petty was appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion it was ordered that an announcement of the Associational School be published with the minutes.

On motion the Union Meeting was changed from May's Chapel to Cool Springs, Friday before the fifth Sunday in December.

On motion it was ordered that the minutes of the Sunday School Association be printed as an appendix to the minutes of this meeting.

On motion the Association adjourned.

Dismissed by L. R. Dixon.

K. C. Horner preached at Whynot at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Thus closed a pleasant and profitable meeting.

SUNDAY.

Sunday School Mass Meeting was conducted by W. C. Petty. Speeches were made by W. C. Petty and J. A. Ballentine.

A collection was taken for Union Grove Library amounting to $5.31.

O. T. Edwards preached in the Baptist Church and K. C. Horner in the Christian Church at 11:30 o'clock a. m.

A collection was taken up for State Missions amounting to $3.08.

J. M. Bennett preached in the afternoon.

Large crowds were present during the meeting.

SECTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

FIRST SECTION.

Brush Creek,
Deep River,
Fall Creek,
Fork Creek,
Moon's Chapel,
Mechanic's Hill,
Mount Pleasant,
Pine Grove,
Sandy Creek,
Staley,
Tyson's Creek,
Union Grove.

SECOND SECTION.

Emmaus,
Hickory Mountain,
Love's Creek,
Mount Olive,
New Salem,
Pittsboro,
Rock Spring,
Rocky River,
Siler City.

THIRD SECTION.

Bear Creek,
Bethany,
Gum Springs,
May's Chapel,
Mineral Springs,
Rives' Chapel,
Sandy Branch.

FOURTH SECTION.

Aberdeen,
Bethlehem,
Cameron,
Carthage,
Cool Springs,
Deep Creek,
Ephesus,
Flint Hill,
Friendship,
Jonesboro,
Southern Pines,
Sanford.

PLEDGES OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	ORPHANAGE	EDUCATION	STATE MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	MINISTERS' RELIEF
Aberdeen	------	------	$10 00	------	$10 00	------
Bear Creek	$10 00	$ 2 00	7 00	$ 5 00	5 00	------
Bethany	10 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	------
Bethlehem	5 00	2 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	------
Brush Creek	5 00	1 50	5 00	5 00	5 00	------
Carthage	12 00	6 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	------
Cool Springs	5 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	------
Cameron	5 00	2 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	------
Deep River	1 00	------	------	50	1 00	------
Deep Creek	------	------	------	------	------	------
Emmaus	3 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	------
Ephesus	------	------	------	------	------	------
Fall Creek	5 00	2 00	4 00	5 00	3 00	------
Flint Hill	------	------	------	------	------	------
Friendship	4 00	1 00	2 50	2 00	2 00	------
Gum Springs	5 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	5 00	------
Hickory Mountain	5 00	1 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	------
Jonesboro	10 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	------
Love's Creek	7 50	2 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	------
May's Chapel	5 00	1 50	4 00	3 00	5 00	------
Mechanic's Hill	2 00	------	1 00	------	1 00	------
Mineral Springs	4 00	1 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	------
Moon's Chapel	5 00	2 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	------
Mount Olive	5 00	1 00	3 00	------	2 00	------
Mount Pleasant	------	------	------	------	------	------
New Salem	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	------
Pine Grove	2 00	1 00	------	1 00	------	------
Pittsboro	12 00	6 00	16 00	10 00	10 00	------
Pinebluff	2 00	1 00	1 30	1 00	1 00	$ 1 00
Rives' Chapel	5 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	------
Rock Spring	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	------
Rocky River	2 50	1 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	------
Sandy Branch	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	------
Sandy Creek	------	------	------	------	------	------
Sanford	25 00	10 00	25 00	15 00	10 00	------
Siler City	10 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	------
Staley	1 00	------	1 00	------	------	------
Southern Pines	5 00	2 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	------
Tyson's Creek	5 00	2 00	6 00	5 00	3 00	------
Union Grove	3 00	2 50	2 00	2 00	2 00	------
Total	189 00	75 50	199 80	149 50	143 00	1 00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Time of Preaching	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Reported Last Year
Aberdeen												
Bear Creek	3rd	B. B. Stinson, Goldston	3		1	1			50	97	147	143
Bethlehem	4th	D. Hannon, Carthage	2			16			77	139	216	230
Bethany	4th	J. Rom. Moore, Goldston	6	3		4	1	2	40	70	110	110
Brush Creek	1st	W. R. Welch, Brush Creek	7				2	2	52	71	123	120
Cameron	4th	Chas. C. Jones, Cameron		6		1			14	30	44	64
Cool Springs	3rd	J. F. King, Sanford	2	2		2	8	2	25	46	71	81
Carthage		C. O. Mainor, Carthage										
Deep Creek												
Deep River	1st	H. F. Brown, Coleridge				7			13	20	33	48
Emmaus	2nd	G. M. Clark, Evans						1	46	53	99	99
Ephesus		T. J. Savage, Villanow										
Fall Creek	3rd	J. W. Brewer, Boaz	25					3	106	165	271	249
Friendship	3rd	N. J. Muse, Mooshaunee				3		1	17	36	53	
Flint Hill												
Gum Springs	3rd	W. J. Lassiter, Lockville	4		2	8	1	3			172	183
Fork Creek												
Hickory Mountain	3rd	N. B. Justice, Kimbolton	10			3			31	29	60	53
Jonesboro	2nd	D. O. Bryan, Jonesboro	6	4			1	2	43	58	101	94
Love's Creek	4th	J. J. D. Hackney, Siler City	20				1	4	59	110	169	157
May's Chapel	1st	J. H. Burke, Goldston						5	38	54	92	95
Mineral Springs	3rd	J. C. Dowd, Mt. Vernon Springs				3	1	2	21	35	56	62
Moon's Chapel		E. L. Vestal, Jordan		1							62	61
Mechanic's Hill	1st	J. R. Maness, Noise					2		25	39	64	68
Mount Olive		S. M. Lewis, Manndale		1		4	2	1	45	85	130	129
Mount Pleasant	1st	G. R. Williams, Staley						1	7	27	34	35
New Salem	2nd	C. N. Justice, Hadley									51	51
Pine Grove	4th	B. Deaton, Swinton		1					15	15	30	33
Pinebluff		F. F. Hilburn, Pinebluff										
Pittsboro	3rd & 4th	C. B. Griffin, Pittsboro	6	2		2			31	37	68	64
Rives' Chapel	2nd	R. J. Watson, Rives' Chapel		3		4	1	3	44	67	111	116
Rock Springs	3rd	P. T. Farrell, Pittsboro	3		1				25	30	55	54
Rocky River	2nd	J. W. Teague, Simmon Grove	1		1	2			44	52	96	105
Sandy Branch	4th	G. W. Blalock, Causey	3	2		1	1		48	61	109	106
Sandy Creek		G. M. York, Kildee	2				4	1	22	61	83	83
Sanford	1st	J. R. Weatherspoon, Sanford	2	22		7	2	2	43	53	96	83
Siler City		W. A. Teague, Siler City				5			27	43	70	71
Staley	1st	T. P. Frazier, Staley		1					5	5	10	9
Southern Pines		G. H. Sadelson, Southern Pines				2	9		9	19	28	40
Tyson's Creek	2nd	L. Moon, Harper's Crossroads	5	1					24	41	65	57
Union Grove	3rd	G. F. Garner, Whynot	8			2	8	2	50	103	153	158
Total			115	49	5	77	44	37	1096	1751	2847	3111

FINANCIAL TABLE.

	AMOUNTS SENT BY LETTERS.										AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY CONTRIBUTED DURING THE YEAR.													
	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Orphanage	Ministers' Relief	Century Fund	Mills Building	Total	Pastor's Salary	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Ministers' Relief	Mills Memorial Fund	Incidental Expenses	Repairs	Other Objects	Total	Grand Total of All Contributions
Aberdeen																								
Bear Creek	$ 90				$ 1 00					$ 1 90	$ 50 00	$ 7 50	$ 5 00	$ 5 00			$10 00		$ 2 25		$ 35 00		$ 74 75	$ 75 65
Bethany	80	$ 22	$ 2 06	$ 30	09	$ 25				3 72	50 00	4 78	2 75	4 70	$ 1 91		5 00			$ 5 00	12 00		86 14	89 86
Bethlehem	1 05	4 30	3 15	2 30	2 50	5 00				18 30	100 00											$10 00	110 00	128 30
Brush Creek	80	4 00	2 25	1 75		5 00				13 80	60 00			3 25	1 50			$ 71	2 00	5 00		1 50	73 96	87 76
Carthage	1 00									1 00		15 00	3 60	101 45	2 80	$ 2 76	13 02						138 63	139 63
Cool Springs	75	2 50	2 50	3 27	2 50	3 25				14 77	65 00								1 00	1 00			67 00	81 77
Cameron	25									25	50 00	20 00	13 00	11 30			18 00			1 00	50 00	1 68	164 98	165 23
Deep River	50	50	50	50	25	1 00	$ 25			3 50		50									50 00	81	51 31	54 80
Emmaus	75	22	55	2 00	15	2 35	20			6 32	50 00									1 35	172 94		224 29	230 61
Ephesus																								
Fall Creek	95					62			$ 2 00	3 57		4 50	4 15	4 15	1 15		3 02						16 97	20 54
Friendship	40	50	50	75		1 00				3 15	50 00												50 00	53 15
Gum Springs	75	51		65	70	2 86			2 00	7 47		2 49	5 00	2 85			2 64					4 57	17 55	25 02
Hickory Mountain	50	1 33	40	3 00	1 00	5 00			2 00	13 23	60 00	1 67	1 50					1 79					64 96	78 19
Jonesboro	1 50				7 00	5 00	2 00			15 50	125 00	21 40	16 41	16 04					3 00	20 00	35 00		236 85	252 35
Love's Creek	1 58	4 50	4 75	5 40	1 50	3 00				20 73	60 00	1 00	75					1 72	2 50	7 00	5 00	1 14	79 11	99 84
Southern Pines	50									50	200 00	6 00	8 00	13 00			2 00			25 00	10 00	28 60	306 60	307 10
May's Chapel	50	4 03	1 30	1 40	25	3 00			1 05	11 53	80 00	1 00	2 37	2 37					3 00		600 00		688 74	700 27
Mechanic's Hill	30	1 00			1 00	1 00				3 30	30 00											2 35	32 35	35 65
Mineral Springs	1 10	1 11								2 21	75 00	2 20	3 54	3 06	2 59		3 00	1 61					91 00	93 21
Moon's Chapel	50	50	55		2 00	80			2 00	6 35		2 50	2 00	2 45			2 20						9 15	15 50
Mount Olive	1 00	1 25	1 52							3 77		1 25					3 55						4 80	8 57
Mount Pleasant	30	1 82	25							2 37	36 00						45						36 45	38 82
New Salem	40	1 00	1 00	1 50		1 00				4 90							35			1 50			1 85	6 75
Pine Grove	25	50	50							1 25		45	77	55			1 52						3 29	4 54
Pittsboro	1 00				6 00	5 00	2 00	$ 5 00		19 00	150 00	31 09	31 13	27 32	91 00		21 00	2 00		9 35	125 00	30 10	517 99	536 99
Rives' Chapel	50	4 30		2 40	50	95				8 65	60 00	1 48	1 48						1 00			43	64 39	73 04
Rock Springs	70									70	30 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00			1 00					35 00	35 70
Rocky River	85	2 80	2 50	2 90	1 00	3 35				13 40	60 00	1 25										1 00	62 25	75 65
Sandy Branch	1 61					4 00				5 61	40 00	3 05	1 05	1 05									45 15	50 76
Sandy Creek	50					52				1 02												4 47	4 47	5 49
Sanford	1 00									1 00	250 00	29 50	12 00	16 15	6 00		2 75	3 84	10 00	35 65	125 00		490 89	491 89
Siler City	75									75	96 00	15 00	30 00	20 00	5 00		10 00		5 00		10 00		191 00	191 75
Staley	25	50	75	75						2 25							96						96	3 21
Tyson's Creek	65	1 00	75	3 75	1 20	1 10				8 45		4 85	2 31	1 31			5 93						14 40	22 85
Union Grove	89	1 00		2 00		80			2 00	6 69							2 20			50			2 70	9 39
Pinebluff	50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00			2 00	11 50											313 43		313 43	324 93
Total	26 55	40 39	26 78	35 62	29 66	60 85	4 45	5 00	13 05	242 39	1827 00	189 46	157 81	256 00	112 95	2 76	107 39	12 67	29 75	112 35	1543 37	86 67	4372 07	4614 46

Emmaus, for Colportage, 10 cents—included in totals.

Constitution of Sandy Creek Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of members not exceeding three in number from each Church, chosen by the different Churches in our union, together with such ordained ministers as may hold their membership with Churches belonging to this Association.

ART. 2. The application of any Church for membership shall be referred to a committee, who shall examine its Church covenant and articles of faith, and upon favorable report may be admitted as a constituent member of this body.

ART. 3. In letters from the different Churches shall be expressed the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and has died since last Association; also the total number in fellowship, together with the contributions forwarded.

ART. 4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any Church belonging to the union, *but shall sit only as an advisory council.*

ART. 5. The Association shall elect a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, annually, by the suffrages of members present; a majority of the ballots cast being necessary to decide the choice.

ART. 6. There shall be appointed by the Association at each annual session an Executive Board, to consist of five members, whose duty shall be to solicit funds for the support of a missionary or missionaries, to labor in such destitute portions of the Association as they may designate, and to disburse such funds as may be sent up to the Association for this purpose, drawing upon the Treasurer of the Association for any amount in his hands for this field of labor. It shall also be their duty upon the death of any of their members, or of the Treasurer of the Association, to fill such vacancies.

ART. 7. The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any Church in her union who shall knowingly and willfully violate the Constitution, or depart from the orthodox principles of religion.

ART. 8. Amendments to this Constitution shall be made only by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the Association present.

The following resolution was passed at the 128th annual session at Mt. Olive, Chatham County, September, 1886:

"*Resolved*, That the ordained Baptist ministers present at each session of this Association be, and they are, hereby appointed a presbytery for the purpose of examining into and passing upon the qualifications and fitness for the gospel ministry all such candidates as the Churches may from time to time recommend (by letters) to this Association for ordination."

APPENDIX.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

The Association met March 29th, 1901, in its twelfth annual session with the Church at Gum Springs, Chatham County, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by W. H. H. Lawhon.

At the opening of the afternoon session the following Churches were represented:

Bear Creek—D. F. Wilkie.

Bethany—S. P. Moore and L. R. Dixon.

Cool Springs—J. F. King.

Brush Creek—O. T. Edwards.

Sanford—W. T. Bell and J. J. Dupree.

Deep River—A. K. Scotten.

Gum Springs—J. M. Burns and E. Q. Poe.

Hickory Mountain—E. V. Straughan.

Jonesboro—L. H. Fitchett, E. M. Hunt and Misses Laura Baucom, Netta Liles and Alma Parrish.

May's Chapel—H. R. Howard, Norton Perry and N. A. Gilmore.

New Salem—J. R. Ellington, C. N. Justice and E. L. Perry.

Pittsboro—Mrs. H. T. Chapin, R. S. Eubanks and George Brewer.

Rives' Chapel—W. B. Gilmore.

Rock Spring—Charles Dismukes, A. K. Poe and G. T. Ferrell.

Tyson's Creek—K. C. Horner, Oscar W. McManis and J. J. Moon.

Ministers present: D. C. Britt, W. H. H. Lawhon, O. T. Edwards, L. R. Dixon and A. K. Scotten.

Superintendents present: R. S. Eubanks, N. A. Gilmore and C. C. Poe.

Officers were elected as follows: Moderator, L. R. Dixon; Secretary and Treasurer, A. K. Scotten.

A program was read and adopted.

"Opportunities in Sunday School for Bible Study," was discussed by D. C. Britt and O. T. Edwards, and the subject was tabled.

The following Committees were appointed:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Gum Springs Church.

Place and Preacher for Next Meeting—S. P. Moore, E. M. Hunt and R. S. Eubanks.

Printing Minutes—D. C. Britt, W. H. H. Lawhon and H. R. Howard.

Adjourned till 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY.

Religious exercises were conducted by O. T. Edwards.

Preceding minutes were read and adopted.

"Uses and Abuses of Sunday School Helps," was discussed by R. B. Lineberry and O. T. Edwards. By motion the subject was tabled.

"The Teacher's Responsibility" was discussed by L. R. Dixon, O. T. Edwards, R. B. Lineberry and J. M. Burns.

A motion prevailed to adjourn for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

We, your Committee on Place and Preacher for the next meeting of the Sunday School Association, recommend May's Chapel as the place and O. T. Edwards to preach the Introductory Sermon.

R. S. Eubanks,
S. P. Moore,
Committee.

REPORT ON PRINTING MINUTES.

We, your Committee on Printing Minutes, recommend that the minutes of the Sunday School Association be printed as an appendix to the minutes of the regular Association. We furthermore recommend that a sufficient amount of money be sent to the regular Association for the expenses of printing these minutes.

D. C. Britt,
W. H. H. Lawhon,
Henry Howard,
Committee.

PLEDGES FOR PRINTING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL MINUTES.

Bear Creek	$ .25
Bethany	.25
Bethlehem	.25
Brush Creek	.25
Cool Springs	.25
Deep River	.25
Gum Springs	.25
Hickory Mountain	.25
Jonesboro	.50
Love's Creek	.25
May's Chapel	.25
Mineral Springs	.25
Mount Olive	.25
New Salem	.25
Rives' Chapel	.25
Rock Spring	.25
Tyson's Creek	.25
Pittsboro, sent with letter	.50
Sanford " " "	.50
Total	$5.75

A motion to omit Query Four prevailed and Query Five, "Interdependence of Church and Sunday School," was discussed, led by W. H. H. Lawhon, A. M. Moore and D. C. Britt. Question was tabled.

"The Sunday School a School for Mission Training," was discussed by O. T. Edwards and D. C. Britt. On motion query was tabled.

Motion to adjourn was carried.

SUNDAY.

L. R. Dixon presided over the mass meeting and Query Seven was introduced: "How May we Make our Sunday Schools More Interesting and Helpful?" Short talks were made by Thomas Bell, A. M. Moore, J. F. King and Willie Poe, followed by song service. Discussion was continued by A. K. Scotten, D. C. Britt and W. H. H. Lawhon.

After a song service, at 11 o'clock O. T. Edwards preached on the subject, "The Ten Virgins."

A collection was taken for Colportage amounting to $4.53.

Benediction by W. H. H. Lawhon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	SECRETARIES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Months of School	Contributions to Orphanage	Missions	Minute Fund	School Expenses	Value of Libraries	Total
Sanford	T. L. Chisholm, Sanford	T. J. Murchison, Sanford	9	90	12	$15 00	......	$ 50	$25 00	......	$40 50
Gum Springs	C. C. Poe	J. R. Lasater	5	35	......	......	......	......	2 25	......	2 25
Jonesboro	J. A. Ballentine, Jonesboro	L. H. Fitchett, Jonesboro	8	35	12	3 00	1 00	......	8 47	$25 51	37 98
Pittsboro	R. H. Dixon, Pittsboro	Mrs. A. M. Brewer, Pittsboro	7	50	12	12 34	1 72	50	22 46	......	37 02
Tyson's Creek	L. Moon, Harper's Crossroads	J. J. Moon, Harper's Crossroads	6	30	......	......	......	......	2 25	......	2 25
New Salem	J. R. Ellington, Hadley	Mrs. Long Cooper, Bynum	5	48	9	......	......	......	......	......	......
Total			40	288	......	30 34	2 72	1 00	60 43	25 51	120 00

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OF THE

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ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

T. M. Baldwin	Rise, N. C.
L. R. Dixon	Goldston, N. C.
O. T. Edwards	Ore Hill, N. C.
P. A. Ferguson	Lambsville, N. C.
S. W. Fuquay	Eagle Springs, N. C.
W. H. H. Lawhon	Lawhon, N. C.
C. M. McIntosh	Louisville, Ky.
N. H. Shepherd	Okeewemee, N. C.
D. R. Sears	Siler City, N. C.
J. L. Smith	Siler City, N. C.
W. H. Strickland	Star, N. C.
George F. Mainwaring	Southern Pines, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

L. R. Dixon	Goldston, N. C.
J. A. Ballentine	Jonesboro, N. C.
R. B. Lineberry	Pittsboro, N. C.
Laban Moon	Harper's Cross Roads, N. C.
T. M. Baldwin	Rise, N. C.

TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

W. H. H. Lawhon 1904

D. O. Bryan	1904	L. R. Dixon	1904
J. M. Jordan	1903	J. T. Paschal	1903
N. A. Gilmore	1903	J. W. Dark	1904
E. V. Straughan	1904	O. B. Stroud	1904

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SANDY CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

SILER CITY, N. C., October 2nd, 1902.

The 144th annual session of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association convened with the Church at Siler City, Chatham County.

L. R. Dixon preached the Introductory Sermon from Ex. 14:15.

After intermission of one and a half hours, the Association was opened with reading and prayer by W. H. H. Lawhon, and Moderator Ballentine called the Association to order.

The letters from the Churches were read by L. R. Dixon and J. L. Griffin, and delegates enrolled as follows:

Aberdeen — J. R. Randall, M. Wimberly, Geo. F. Mainwaring.

Bear Creek — D. F. Wilkie, G. P. Womble, H. H. Hilliard.

Brush Creek — W. R. Welch, A. G. Bray, J. R. Lane.

Bethany — J. T. Paschal, S. P. Moore, R. L. Oldham.

Bethlehem — Eli P. Seawell, A. S. McIntosh, C. B. Fry.

Carthage — W. H. Dupree, W. C. Petty.

Cool Springs — John S. McIver, T. E. Hilliard, Ernest Temple.

Cameron — W. M. Rogers, Walter Thomas, C. C. Jones.

Deep River — W. W. Caviness, John Davie.

Deep Creek —

Emmaus — Willie Webster, J. R. Ellington, G. M. Clark.

Ephesus —

Fall Creek — T. B. Bray, A. J. Brewer, B. F. Brewer.

Flint Hill —

Friendship — J. L. Fields, J. F. Phillips, N. J. Muse.

Gum Springs — D. M. Poe, James Bridges, C. E. Lassiter.

Hickory Mountain — G. F. Pickard, W. J. Hackney, O. L. Dorsett.

Jonesboro — E. A. Griffin, W. I. Brooks, Vander Liles.

Loves' Creek — J. Q. Smith, Ira D. Poe, J. J. D. Hackney.

May's Chapel —W. A. Gilmore, W. M. Burns, J. P. Lea.

Mechanic's Hill — Levi Maness, E. B. Maness, Jonah Lambert.

Mineral Springs —O. B. Stroud, R. P. Johnson, C. C. Cheek.

Moon's Chapel — Harris York, A. J. Lane, J. F. Smith.

Mount Olive — S. M. Lewis, Leroy Perry, D. W. Cheek.

Mount Pleasant — C. L. Kivett, O. H. Welch, Geo. R. Williams.

New Salem — Peter Thrift, E. L. Perry, I. C. H. Pilkington.

Pine Grove —W. H. Strickland, S. W. Fuquay, M. E. Myrick.

Pittsboro —A. M. Moore, R. B. Lineberry, J. M. Griffin.

Pinebluff —

Rives' Chapel —T. J. Dark, W. J. Crain, R. J. Watson.

Rock Spring —W. W. Dismukes, Norman Phillips, A. K. Poe.

Rocky River — T. A. Buckner, E. G. Cheek, C. E. Duncan.

Sandy Branch —G. G. Emerson, S. G. Norwood, T. B. Moody.

Sandy Creek —G. M. York, P. H. Frazier, D. M. Frazier.

Sanford —C. H. Smith, G. W. Temple, E. D. Nall.

Siler City —Claude Smith, J. L. Griffin, A. W. Jordan.

Staley — E. M. Teague, C. G. Frazier, J. W. Staley.

Southern Pines — G. H. Sadelson, Geo. F. Mainwaring, N. D. Wells.

Tyson's Creek —B. B. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Jr., L. Moon.

Union Grove — Neill Dunlap, J. S. Hancock, Daniel Criscoe.

Ministers present: L. R. Dixon, W. H. H. Lawhon, D. R. Sears, O. T. Edwards, J. L. Smith.

Visitors present: J. W. Bailey, of *The Biblical Recorder;* J. B. Boone, of the Orphanage; W. H. Eller, of the Piedmont Association; A. D. Hunter, of the Baptist Female University; S. F. Conrad, of *The North Carolina Baptist;* G. W. Paschal, of Wake Forest College; L. Johnson, of the State Mission Board; R. D. Haymore, R. R. Moore, A. T. Howell.

A paper of welcome was read by J. L. Griffin.

Officers were elected as follows: J. A. Ballentine, Moderator; J. F. King, Clerk; D. O. Bryan, Treasurer.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Religious Exercises — Pastor and Deacons of Siler City Church.

Order of Business — Dr. O. B. Stroud, J. T. Paschal, W. H. H. Lawhon.

Periodicals — D. L. Webster, S. P. Moore, C. H. Smith.

State Missions — L. R. Dixon, B. B. Stinson, R. B. Lineberry.

Foreign Missions — W. H. H. Lawhon, A. S. McIntosh, J. M. Griffin.

Education — J. T. Pashal, J. L. Griffin, R. P. Johnson.

Home Missions — A. M. Moore, William Webster, E. A. Griffin.

Temperance — S. A. Ives, N. R. Dixon, T. J. Dark.

Sunday Schools — W. C. Petty, G. H. Sadelson, W. I. Brooks.

Prayer Meetings — D. R. Sears, J. L. Smith, James Bridges.

Orphanage — O. T. Edwards, O. B. Stroud, G. W. Temple.

Relief Board — A. K. Scotten, Ira D. Poe, R. B. Lineberry.

Libraries — Vander Liles, D. L. Webster, W. M. Rogers.

Nominate Executive Board — W. J. Hackney, W. H. H. Lawhon, O. T. Edwards.

Nominate Trustees of School — J. M. Griffin, D. F. Wilkie, B. B. Phillips.

Place and Preacher — Delegates of Churches in Third Section.

Auditing — E. D. Nall, G. H. Sadelson, Chas. C. Jones.

Beulah and Eagle Springs Baptist Churches presented letters asking for admission to our body. W. H. H. Lawhon, L. R. Dixon and O. T. Edwards were appointed a committee to examine their articles of faith. The committee reported favorably, and the Churches were received and delegates enrolled as follows:

Beulah — J. W. Powers, J. L. Purvis, H. B. Lambert.

Eagle Springs — N. H. Shepherd, Calvin Britt, John W. Dixon.

Dr. Sanford, of the Methodist Church, was recognized by the body.

On motion the Association adjourned till 9:30 o'clock tomorrow.

A. T. Howell preached at night.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Religious exercises were conducted by J. W. Bailey. Letters from Union Grove, Gum Springs, Sandy Creek, Aberdeen, Cameron, Sanford, Southern Pines and Mechanic's Hill were read.

The Committee on Order of Business made its report, which was adopted. [The report has been misplaced, hence is not printed.]

A letter was read from Bro. P. D. Muse, of Mount Airy, presenting the Association with a barrel of apples. A vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Muse.

D. L. Webster read the Report on Periodicals:

PERIODICALS.

In this progressive age, when the various denominations are striving to excel in religious literature, it is with much pride and delight that we can present and recommend to the great host of Baptist people and others *The Biblical Recorder*, *The North Carolina Baptist*, *Charity and Children*, *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Home Field* and the Sunday School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We especially recommend *The Biblical Recorder* to our Baptist people, being the organ of our Convention and denomination in North Carolina, through which we speak and make known our beliefs and doctrine to the people. Its past and present record is worthy of the great people which it represents. Sound in doctrine, manfully upholding and defending the doctrines as we find contained in the New Testament, hence it should be loyally supported and a welcome visitor in every Baptist home in the State.

Praying that the Holy Spirit may guide in the publishing and reading of the above mentioned periodicals, each becoming a mighty agent in spreading the truth and in extending the cause of Christ,

D. L. Webster,
S. P. Moore,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by D. L. Webster, J. W. Bailey, S. F. Conrad, G. W. Paschal and J. B. Boone. Report was adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by W. H. H. Lawhon:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Jesus said, "If ye love Me ye will keep My commandments." Obedience, then, is the test of our love, and obeying Christ is doing the will of the Father. Now, what has Christ commanded us to do? Many things,—to pray for one another; love your neighbor as yourself; to do good for evil, etc. But the last and great commission to His disciples was to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This commandment is as much to His disciples of the twentieth century as it was to the first.

The greatest work God has given to man is the evangelization of the world, and He has so arranged that every one who loves Him can help in this great work. We can pray and talk and give for this great cause, and as we bless others God will bless us.

If all the mission work for the past century had not resulted in the conversion of one soul, our Lord's command would still be imperative and our duty plain. But it is wonderful what encouragements are presented to us. Carey, Judson, Morrison had faith to work and wait for seven years, but today the glorious advance of the army of the Lord is attended by the shouts of victory—enough to incite our hearts with holy enthusiasm and to enlist our noblest efforts. Over ninety thousand missionaries and native assistants constitute a grand advance over the lonely Carey a century ago; the Bible translated into over four hundred languages and millions of copies being distributed; hundreds of young men in foreign lands preparing to preach the gospel in the native tongues.

Our forefathers prayed for the doors to be opened, and in answer to these prayers God has opened the doors of heathen nations; now it is our duty to enter and possess the land. Will we do it? If not, why not? Brethren, our duty is plain, we know it, and Saint James says: "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

W. H. H. Lawhon,
J. M. Griffin,
L. Moon,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, it was proposed to defer the discussion until tonight in mass-meeting.

The Report on the Orphanage was read by O. T. Edwards:

ORPHANAGE.

Every Baptist who is at all acquainted with our Orphanage and its good work and splendid management, has a holy pride in this institution. It is indeed the expression of Christian love in a most becoming manner. Its great demands and glorious work call forth sympathy and support from the most lukewarm and illiberal Christian. It often breaks the way for greater liberality toward all other objects of the Convention. No other object should appeal to the hearts and sympathies of our people as these orphan children. May our purse answer their wants.

There are about 213 children at the Orphanage. They are clothed, fed and educated at about $4.75 per month per child.

We note with pleasure the continued usefulness of and increased interest in *Charity and Children.* This paper now has a circulation of 7,000 subscribers. It returns value received in good reading matter to every subscriber, and gives information about the orphanage work that is not supplied from any other source, besides being of direct pecuniary aid to to the Orphanage.

O. T. Edwards,
G. W. Temple,
O. B. Stroud,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, a speech was made by J. B. Boone. The report was adopted. A cash collection was taken amounting to $16.51 and pledges amounting to $206.50.

The Association adjourned for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Letters from Moon's Chapel and Mt. Pleasant were read and delegates enrolled.

The Report on Prayer Meetings was read by D. R. Sears:

PRAYER MEETINGS.

Your Committee on Prayer Meetings submits the following report: In the first place, secret prayer is necessary to our growth as Christians. We believe every church of Jesus Christ should have a well organized prayer meeting. Let us all pray for missionary faith, foreign and home.

D. R. Sears,
J. L. Smith,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by D. R. Sears. Report was adopted.

The Report on Home Missions was read by A. M. Moore:

HOME MISSIONS.

To the work of our missionaries in the home field has been due the great growth of our denomination in the United States, especially in the South. Baptist principles are in harmony with democratic institutions, and the fact has no doubt contributed to their phenomenal growth in this country. A firmer zeal for and more earnest support of the spread of our denomination in our own Southland are demanded by our new economical conditions. Our manufacturing population is growing larger every year, and our denomination has great opportunity to keep these classes true to the gospel of their fathers and to give them the Christian training that will make them valuable to our denomination and the world; and in general the great number of people within the bounds of our Home Mission field without Christian hope—12,000,000 souls—shows that laborers are still needed for the abundant harvest and that our responsibility is great. Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Moore,
Willie Webster,
E. A. Griffin,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, speeches were made by A. M. Moore, G. W. Paschal and J. B. Boone. Pledges were taken and the report was adopted.

The Report on Ministers' Relief was read by the Clerk:

MINISTERS' RELIEF.

It hath pleased God in the excellency of His wisdom and goodness to lay the solemn obligation of preaching His gospel on the hearts of men, and for this cause men have turned their backs on the world and hope of financial gain to bear the God-given message to a dying world for little more than food and raiment, giving their manhood and strength for the salvation of precious souls. When life is waning and age and decrepancy are bearing upon them, they have but few temporal blessings to cheer and comfort them as they await their welcome from labor to their eternal reward.

Would it not be a lamentable sin for us as the church and denomination of Baptists if we should neglect such beloved ones in their last and trying moments on earth?

Be it resolved, therefore, that the Church be reminded of their several needs, and that collections be taken and offerings made for their comfort and relief as often as occasion may require, until God shall bid them come from a life of toil to a mansion of peace and rest.

As day salutes the morning sun,
  God speaks to those bearing His word:
Good and faithful servant, well done,
  Enter thou the joys of thy Lord.

A. K. Scotten,
For Committee.

Remarks were made by R. B. Lineberry, A. D. Hunter, O. T. Edwards and D. L. Webster. Report was adopted.

The Executive Board made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, your Executive Board, report that Wm. Rogers, former colporteur, has on hand about $23.50 in cash and books, which he offers to turn over to the board in full settlement. A. K. Scotten has worked 50 days and collected from churches and sale of books $48.00.

Our chairman has moved out of the bounds of the Association and hence this indefinite report. Respectfully submitted,

R. B. Lineberry,
L. Moon,
For the Board.

The Committee to Nominate Executive Board recommended the following brethren, viz.: L. R. Dixon, J. A. Ballentine, R. B. Lineberry, Laban Moon, T. M. Baldwin. Recommendation adopted.

A plea was made for the rebuilding of old Sandy Creek Church as a memorial by D. L. Webster, R. B. Lineberry and J. L. Smith, after which a collection was taken in cash and pledges amounting to $53.55.

Adjourned until 7:30 p. m. Dismissed by O. T. Edwards.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Association held its meeting in the academy building Friday afternon, presided over by Mrs. H. T. Chapin, the Associational Vice-President. Reports were read from the various Societies, showing the progress of the work. During the meeting L. Johnson addressed the ladies on the subject of missions.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and was led in prayer by Dr. Sanford.

The Report on Foreign Missions was taken up and discussed by W. H. H. Lawhon, J. W. Bailey and L. Johnson. After singing, pledges were taken and the report was adopted.

On motion adjourned. Dismissed by A. D. Hunter.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises were conducted by O. T. Edwards.

Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

Letter from May's Chapel was read and delegates enrolled.

The Committee to Nominate Trustees of the Associational School made the following report, which was adopted:

NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

Your Committee to Nominate Trustees of Associational School recommend the following brethren to succeed themselves: W. H. H. Lawhon, L. R. Dixon and D. O. Bryan. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Griffin,
D. F. Wilkie,
B. B. Phillips,
Committee.

The Trustees of the School made the following report:

THE ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

The fifth session of our school opened on the 12th day of August, under the management of Prof. R. P. Johnson, who is giving entire satisfaction. And we are glad to report that the school has taken on new life and is in a prosperous condition. We have enrolled 83 scholars, and hope to reach 100 before the close of the fall term. The student body is composed of bright boys and girls, most of them doing well in their studies. We have two interesting literary societies, one for the boys and one for the girls, both of them doing well.

The prospects of the school are flattering in every way, but we need two club houses to be built on the school lot. With these houses we would have 200 or more pupils next session. We need just now $25.00 to furnish more seats and heaters and to make some repairs, and have in treasury at present only $9.27. Brethren, will you give us this money for your school?

W. H. H. Lawhon,
Chairmon Board of Trustees.

Remarks were made by W. H. H. Lawhon. Report was adopted.

O. T. Edwards read a sketch of the life of Bro. John D. Dorsett, which was received.

On motion a cash collection was taken for the Associational School amounting to $11.95.

The Report on Education was read by J. T. Paschal:

EDUCATION.

In the general education of all our people lies the only safeguard against error in domestic, political and religious life. Hence we desire to express our purpose of hearty co-operation in the work of increasing the efficiency of our public schools. Since every child in the State may be reached by these schools, we believe that our legislators should put their interest before all other interests and make liberal provision for their support. And we desire to impress upon the members of the Churches of this Association, and upon all to whom our influence extends, the duty of giving their children the full benefit of all educational advantages offered.

The schools of higher grade under the direct supervision of this Association and of the Baptist State Convention, have been doing and are doing a work that amply justifies their existence and that entitles them to our most zealous support.

We most heartily commend to all our people our Associational School, Mount Vernon Springs Academy, as a preparatory school designed to fit boys and girls for college or for the intelligent discharge of the duties of Christian citizenship. Cannot every Church in this Association have from its membership at least one boy or girl in this school before the present session closes? Let us try to do so.

The Baptist Female University is the one college for women on which the Baptists in the State have concentrated their efforts. They wish to make it for the girls what Wake Forest is for the boys, and its course of instruction has been arranged with that idea in view. Its property consists of four buildings on three acres of land in the heart of Raleigh. It has a teaching force of five men and seventeen women. Its students are cared for by a lady principal, and a lady physician and a nurse. It offers its advantages at cost. At every opening its rooms have been crowded, and some desiring to enter had to be turned away. The enrollment for the present session is more than 200. It is in great need of two other buildings, a music hall and a dormitory building; but its one pressing need now is the cancellation of its debt. This burden hinders its progress and seemingly imperils its existence. Our denomination resolved at the last Convention to pay this debt by the first of December and earnestly urged the Associations to undertake their part. This work calls for heroic effort. Let none of the churches composing this Association fail to raise their full share.

The great wisdom of our fathers in establishing Wake Forest College has become more and more evident as the years have advanced. "By their fruits ye shall know them." Largely because of Wake Forest higher education in North Carolina has been kept free from the taint of agnosticism and infidelity, and true to the broad principles of Christianity. It has given our denomination educated ministers and missionaries whose labors have blessed the people of this and many foreign lands. It has also given us an educated laity whose work as teachers, editors, physicians, lawyers, etc., shows the excellence of their training. We desire especially to commend the recent establishment of the medical department. With the enlarged capacities of the college for training young men it is doing a great work for us; let us do what we can to sustain it.

J. T. PASCHAL,
J. L. GRIFFIN,
R. P. JOHNSON,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by J. T. Paschal, G. W. Paschal, R. P. Johnson and A. D. Hunter. Report was adopted.

The Moderator appointed R. B. Lineberry, B. B. Phillips and E. V. Straughan to nominate delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

L. R. Dixon was asked to prepare a paper on the life and character of Rev. S. Gilmore by the next session of the Association.

On motion, O. T. Edwards, R. B. Lineberry and J. T. Paschal were appointed a committee to apportion the $700 asked of this Association for the Baptist Female University.

The report on State Missions was read by L. R. Dixon:

STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has sent out one hundred men as missionaries this year and promised them small salaries, and in order to pay them there must be increased contributions to State Missions from now until our Convention meets the first of December. At the first of September, this year, we were $1000.00 behind last year on State Missions.

We regard State Missions as one of the most important works of our

Convention. Along with the material development of our State various isms are being introduced and it becomes us as Baptists to meet them with God's word. We also believe that in proportion as State Missions prosper other enterprises of our denomination prosper. Therefore, we, your committee, recommend larger contributions both of money and prayers — that we thus strengthen our stakes that we may lengthen our cords.

Respectfully submitted,
L. R. DIXON,
R. B. LINEBERRY,
B. B. STINSON,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, speeches were made by L. R. Dixon and L. Johnson. Pledges were taken.

Motion was adopted that the collection tomorrow be for State Missions.

Adjourned for dinner. Dismissed by O. T. Edwards.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Report on Temperance was read by N. R. Dixon:

TEMPERANCE.

God's word says be temperate in *all* things, and intemperance in the use of alcoholic drinks is one of the greatest evils that confront us as a church, a people and a nation. The excessive use of intoxicating liquors, like a vampire, is sucking the very life-blood from many a home, many a church member and our nation. It breeds discord, strife and disaster in home, church and nation. It debauches the better part of humanity and causes many a poor heart to bleed and writhe in agony. It is so deeply rooted among our people and in high places in our government that it will take something more powerful than the agencies now used to stop its ravages and exterminate it in our land.

We earnestly urge that every Christian use every means with one fixed purpose and do his whole duty to remove this blighting curse from our land.

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. IVES,
T. J. DARK,
N. R. DIXON,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by N. R. Dixon and T. J. Dark. Adopted.

Report on Libraries was called for and was read by Vander Liles:

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

One of the greatest factors in the training of the minds and hearts of the young is the religious literature put before them. We cannot too strongly urge the importance and necessity of good books. The books read in the home by the young very largely shape and determine the character in later life. The young mind is tender, sensitive, and the impressions that are then made by the literature read is lasting either for good or evil. Many a young life has been dwarfed by the lack of good books to develop the mind and heart.

As one among the very best aids to the development and training of the minds and hearts, broadening the vision, filling the soul, the life with high ideals, and indoctrinating the young and the old, too, with those things that every Baptist should know — the eternal truths of the Bible, which is our only recognized rule of faith and discipline — we especially recommend a library for the Sunday School. A carefully selected Sunday School library will instill noble impulses, implant the missionary spirit and indeed impress all the truths of Christianity as hardly anything else will.

The cost of a library of about 50 volumes is very small. We have in mind a library of 50 volumes, costing fifteen dollars, from which during the first year there were over 600 loans, making each volume do the actual service of over 12 books, which if purchased singly by individuals and at random, would have cost almost the price of the entire library. Each member of the Sunday School has access to a library of the very best books, far greater in number than is found in most of our homes, at a trifling cost.

We urge our Sunday Schools to investigate this matter and take this step forward for the cause. Lists of numbers of well selected libraries and all necessary information may be had on application to the Baptist Book Store, Raleigh, N. C.

Vander Liles,
D. L. Webster,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by Vander Liles, D. L. Webster, J. L. Smith, R. B. Lineberry, J. A. Ballentine and G. W. Paschal. Report adopted.

Report of Committee to Recommend Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention was called for.

DELEGATE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

We recommend D. L. Webster for delegate and W. H. H. Lawhon alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
R. B. Lineberry,
E. V. Straughan,
Committee.

Adopted.

A letter was read from Miss Fannie E. S. Heck:

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 24th, 1902.

To the Sandy Creek Association:

Dear Brethren: — Deeming it only due that some report of the work of the Woman's Missionary Societies within your borders be made to your body, I on behalf of those Societies respectfully submit the following report, prefacing the same with a word about the Woman's Missionary work in our State at large, of whose remarkable growth you are doubtless aware.

Some fifteen years ago the State Mission Board appointed a committee of ladies to bring before the women of the Baptist Churches of our State the possibility of becoming a great factor in the spread of Christ's kingdom to the ends of the earth. The committee at once began an active campaign for the organization of Woman's Missionary Societies for study and monthly contributions to the mission cause. Through their work there are today some five hundred Societies connected with the Baptist Churches of North Carolina, which gave last year $9710.84 to Home, State and Foreign Missions.

These Societies are as much a part of the church work and as closely connected with it as the Sunday Schools. Their reports should be included in the Church's report to the Association just as that of the Sunday School; hence the present statement.

In this Association there are 15 Societies which reported from December, 1900-1901, the sum of $229.81 for mission objects.

You will note, however, that many Churches are still without Societies. As these are of the greatest assistance in spreading the knowledge and interest in missions, not only among the women of the Church, but throughout the whole membership, the assistance of the pastors in organization is earnestly invited.

I shall be glad to send to any wishing it a constitution for such organization and with it any missionary literature that they may desire.

Very respectfully,
FANNIE E. S. HECK,
President Woman's Central Committee of Missions.

On motion the letter was ordered printed as a part of the minutes.

Report on Place and Preacher was read as follows:

PLACE AND PREACHER.

We, your Committee on Place and Preacher for the next Association, recommend Bear Creek as the place of meeting and Rev. O. T. Edwards to preach the Introductory Sermon.

D. F. WILKIE,
S. WOMBLE,
S. P. MOORE,
L. R. DIXON,
For Committee.

Adopted.

Motion was adopted that the Associational School be allowed an advertisement on minutes.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to visit Ephesus, Deep Creek and Flint Hill and ascertain why they have not been represented, viz.: W. H. H. Lawhon, L. R. Dixon and O. T. Edwards.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their abundant hospitality.

J. T. PASCHAL.

Adopted.

On motion it was ordered that the minutes of the Sunday School Association be printed as an appendix to the minutes of this Association.

The Committee to Apportion the Century Fund among the various Churches reported as follows:

APPORTIONMENT OF CENTURY FUND.

Aberdeen	$ 15.00
Bear Creek	20.00
Bethlehem	10.00
Bethany	10.00
Brush Creek	10.00
Cameron	50.00
Carthage	200.00
Cool Springs	5.00
Emmaus	5.00
Fall Creek	10.00
Friendship	5.00
Gum Springs	10.00
Hickory Mountain	10.00
Jonesboro	50.00
Love's Creek	20.00
May's Chapel	15.00
Mineral Springs	10.00
Moon's Chapel	5.00
Mount Olive	$ 10.00
Pine Grove	5.00
Pinebluff	5.00
Pittsboro	25.00
Rives' Chapel	10.00
Rocky River	10.00
Sanford	150.00
Siler City	150.00
Southern Pines	50.00
Sandy Branch	10.00
Sandy Creek	5.00
Staley	5.00
Tyson's Creek	5.00
Union Grove	5.00
Eagle Springs	5.00
Total	$910.00

Respectfully submitted,
O. T. Edwards,
J. T. Paschal,
R. B. Lineberry,
Committee.

Report was adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools was called for and was read by G. H. Sadelson:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools would report that they recognize in the Sunday School a great agency in the evangelization of the world, surpassed only by the preaching of the Word; and since it is so great a power for good and wields so much influence, not only over children who attend, but over the older people who can be induced to take part, it behooves each and every Church to see that it has an evergreen Sunday School, where the old and the young can come together weekly and study God's Word, learning from His Book their duty to Him and their fellow men; for the better we know Him and His will the more cheerfully will we serve and obey Him. Hence we urge all our Churches to look well to their Sunday Schools — see that they are well supplied with literature and good books — for it is from them that the Church must largely receive its future strength.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. Petty,
W. I. Brooks,
G. H. Sadelson,
Committee.

Deferred until mass-meeting Sunday morning.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Sandy Creek Association I beg leave to make the following report:

Amount	received,	Minute Fund	$ 28.96
"	"	Sunday School Minute Fund	2.35
"	"	State Missions	74.69
"	"	Home Missions	51.70
"	"	Foreign Missions	55.54
"	"	Ministerial Education	21.78
"	"	Ministerial Relief Fund	5.01
"	"	Orphanage	92.61
"	"	Century Fund	4.90
"	"	Sunday School Missions	.56
Total			$338.10

Respectfully submitted,
D. O. Bryan,
Treasurer.

Adopted.

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We, the undersigned Auditing Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

We have this day examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer for the year 1901 and find that he collected $252.72, and disbursed $252.47, for which we find proper vouchers, thus leaving a balance of 25c. on hand. We also find that the Treasurer has collected for the year 1902 $336.40, and disbursed $88.46, for which he has proper vouchers, leaving a balance on hand of $248.19, including the 25c. balance carried over from last year.

October 4th, 1902.

Respectfully submitted,
E. D. Nall,
G. H. Sadelson,
Committee.

Adopted.

Adjourned. Dismissed by R. D. Haymore.

L. Johnson preached at night in the Baptist Church, and L. R. Dixon in the Methodist Church.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Mass-meeting was conducted by J. F. King.

The Sunday School Report was again read and remarks were made by G. H. Sadelson, J. T. Paschal, J. A. Ballentine and J. F. King.

L. Johnson preached in the Baptist Church and W. H. H. Lawhon in the Methodist Church. Collection was taken for State Missions.

Thus closed a most pleasant and profitable session of the Association. The weather was very favorable until Sunday, and the attendance was very large.

LIFE AND CHARACTER OF JOHN D. DORSETT.

John D. Dorsett died at 9 o'clock a. m., on the fourth Sunday, December 23rd, 1900, aged 47 years, four months and five days. He was reared near Ore Hill and went to school at Mt. Vernon Springs. He married Mary A. Teague, a daughter of James Teague, at Love's Creek, grand daughter of Rev. D. Hackney, and settled on Hickory Mountain, near Silk Hope.

He was converted when young under the ministry of Rev. R. H. Marsh and joined the Baptist Church, and was many times sent as a delegate to the Association and for three years was elected Treasurer. He was a true man of God, pious and peaceable at home, constant and active at church, and in his death Chatham County loses one of her best and most enterprising citizens, and Love's Creek Church one of her leading, active and prayerful members, his wife a good and affectionate husband, his children a true and faithful father, his aged mother a good and dutiful son, and his surviving brothers and sisters a warm-hearted brother, and we all a true and tried friend.

He had labored and had obtained a nice comfortable home and a beautiful new church house at Love's Creek, but God soon called him to a better home and a grander church. You were happy to be in his home, and he was equally so because you were there. His deeds were not fitful acts of an impulsive, warm heart, but the continued kindness of a nature thoroughly generous. He was a man full of energy and enterprise and had achieved from a small beginning great success as a farmer, yet I am glad to say that the influx of prosperity did not stifle his piety or his conscious duty.

He leaves a bereaved wife and eight living children (six by the first and two by the last wife) a competency and a fine example of Christian piety and prayer and dying faith.

Although on a sick bed for ten weary weeks, his body racked with fever and pain intensely acute, his mind was clear to the last. He prayed and talked and gave direction as to his burial; spoke of his church, his pastor, John E. Ray and other brethren, and died happy, saying, "This cannot be death," so joyful and happy was he.

The writer preached his funeral to a large and sympathetic congregation, from the text, "Days should speak and multitude of years should teach wisdom," (Job 32:7) and his body was laid to rest until the resurrection morning in Love's Creek Church yard, which to him in his own language is the dearest on earth. O. T. Edwards.

PLEDGES OF THE CHURCHES.

FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1902-1903.

CHURCHES.	ORPHANAGE	MINISTERIAL EDUCATION	STATE MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	MINISTERS' RELIEF	SANDY CREEK MEMORIAL
Aberdeen	------	------	$12 50	$ 5 00	------	------	------
Bear Creek	$10 00	$ 2 00	$ 7 50	$ 7 00	$ 5 00	$ 1 00	------
Bethany	10 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	------	$ 2 50
Bethlehem	5 00	------	5 00	5 00	4 00	1 00	------
Brush Creek	5 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	------	1 00
Beulah	1 00	------	------	1 00	------	------	------
Carthage	10 00	5 00	10 00	12 00	10 00	2 00	5 00
Cool Springs	5 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	1 00
Cameron	25 00	2 00	15 00	7 00	15 00	2 00	5 00
Deep River	1 00	------	------	1 00	1 00	50	------
Deep Creek	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Eagle Springs	2 00	1 00	2 00	------	------	------	------
Emmaus	4 00	------	2 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	------
Ephesus	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Fall Creek	5 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	------	------
Flint Hill	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Friendship	2 00	1 00	2 50	2 00	------	------	1 00
Gum Springs	5 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00
Hickory Mountain	5 00	1 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 00
Jonesboro	10 00	5 00	12 00	12 00	10 00	2 00	5 00
Love's Creek	7 50	2 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	5 00
May's Chapel	5 00	2 00	7 00	7 00	7 50	1 50	------
Mechanic's Hill	2 00	------	------	------	1 00	------	------
Mineral Springs	5 00	1 00	5 00	------	2 00	------	------
Moon's Chapel	5 00	2 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	------
Mount Olive	5 00	1 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	1 00
Mount Pleasant	1 00	------	------	------	------	------	------
New Salem	1 00	1 00	1 00	------	1 00	------	------
Pine Grove	2 00	1 00	------	1 00	1 00	------	------
Pittsboro	15 00	6 00	16 00	10 00	10 00	2 00	5 00
Pinebluff	------	1 00	------	------	------	------	------
Rives' Chapel	3 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	2 00	1 00
Rock Springs	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	------
Rocky River	3 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00
Sandy Branch	3 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00
Sandy Creek	1 00	------	1 00	2 00	2 00	------	------
Sanford	15 00	6 00	15 00	15 00	5 00	2 00	2 00
Siler City	15 00	6 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	2 00	5 00
Staley	------	------	1 50	1 00	------	------	------
Southern Pines	5 00	2 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00
Tyson's Creek	5 00	2 00	6 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	------
Union Grove	------	------	2 00	------	------	------	------
Total	206 50	66 00	180 50	168 50	138 00	30 00	46 00

AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED BY THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES OF THE SANDY CREEK ASSOCIATION.

Aberdeen	$ 27.50	
Bear Creek	3.05	
Bethlehem	2.60	
Cameron	10.50	
Carthage	44.75	
Gum Springs	.70	
Jonesboro	27.45	
Pittsboro	65.22	
Rives' Chapel	.85	
Siler City	22.10	
Southern Pines	5.50	
Total		$210.22

SUNBEAMS.

Cameron	$ 2.10	
Carthage	2.50	
Pittsboro	5.20	
Total		$ 9.80
Grand Total		$220.02

These amounts were divided about equally between State, Home and Foreign Missions, and are included in the reports by the Churches.

MRS. H. T. CHAPIN,
Vice-President.

SECTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

FIRST SECTION.

Brush Creek,
Deep River,
Fall Creek,
Fork Creek,
Moon's Chapel,
Mechanic's Hill,
Mount Pleasant,
Pine Grove,
Sandy Creek,
Staley,
Tyson's Creek,
Union Grove.

SECOND SECTION.

Emmaus,
Hickory Mountain,
Love's Creek,
Mount Olive,
New Salem,
Pittsboro,
Rock Springs,
Rocky River,
Siler City.

THIRD SECTION.

Bear Creek,
Bethany,
Gum Springs,
May's Chapel,
Mineral Springs,
Rives' Chapel,
Sandy Branch.

FOURTH SECTION.

Aberdeen,
Bethlehem,
Cameron,
Carthage,
Pinebluff,
Cool Springs,
Deep Creek,
Ephesus,
Flint Hill,
Beulah,
Friendship,
Jonesboro,
Southern Pines,
Sanford,
Eagle Springs.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	AMOUNTS SENT WITH LETTERS										
	Minute Fund	S. S. Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Ministerial Education	Ministers' Relief Fund	Orphanage	Century Fund	Total
Aberdeen											
Bear Creek	$ 8	$ 10	$ 7 00	$ 3 00			$ 2 00				$ 2 90
Bethany	1 00	35	1 60	1 00	$ 1 60		50		$ 3 23	$ 3 00	12 28
Bethlehem	80	25	2 94	3 89	3 00		1 00		5 00		16 88
Brush Creek	75		3 00	2 00	1 71	$ 56	60		4 15		12 77
Beulah	70			1 80	1 80				1 80		6 10
Carthage	1 00	25							3 73		4 98
Cool Springs	50		1 35	91	1 70		1 73	$ 49	1 59		8 27
Cameron	50										50
Deep River	50			1 00	50				1 00		3 00
Deep Creek											
Eagle Springs	35										35
Emmaus	1 50	25	2 46	1 85	2 75		25		6 13		15 19
Ephesus											
Fall Creek	85		2 71	1 80	3 00				5 00		13 39
Flint Hill											
Friendship	60		75	75	1 00				1 73	90	5 73
Gum Springs	75	25	2 00	2 00	2 06				2 50		9 56
Hickory Mountain	50	25	3 00	2 00	3 00		1 00		5 00		14 75
Jonesboro	1 50	25						2 00			3 75
Love's Creek	1 69	15	5 11	5 00	1 96		2 00		7 50	1 00	24 29
May's Chapel	89		6 00	10 00	10 00		1 50		5 00		33 30
Mechanic's Hall	50		1 00	1 00					2 00		4 50
Mineral Springs	90		1 10	25	1 98						4 23
Moon's Chapel	72		4 00	25	1 25				2 00		8 22
Mount Olive	85	25	82	2 00	2 50		1 00		5 00		12 42
Mount Pleasant	30		25		25				50		1 30
New Salem	40		1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00		1 00		5 40
Pine Grove	75		1 00	50			50	1 00	1 00		4 75
Pittsboro	1 00										1 00
Pinebluff	50		1 25	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00	2 00		7 75
Rives' Chapel	20		2 65	1 73	2 25		1 00				7 83
Rock Springs	80		70	70	70						3 60
Rocky River	70		2 50	4 00	4 00			1 02	5 00		17 22
Sandy Branch	1 50		1 00				1 00		3 00		6 50
Sandy Creek	75										75
Sanford	1 50		15 51		80		5 00		11 98		34 82
Siler City	1 00										1 00
Staley	35		1 00	1 00	1 00			50	2 07		5 92
Southern Pines	35										35
Tyson's Creek	75		3 55	1 75	3 75		1 00		4 00		14 80
Union Grove	65		60	50	2 00				1 70		5 45
Total	29 46	2 35	75 91	52 70	56 54	56	22 78	6 61	91 61	1 90	315 85

CHURCHES	AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY CONTRIBUTED DURING THE YEAR														
	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	Poor	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Colportage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Ministers' Relief Fund	Other Objects	Total
Aberdeen	$ 112 25	$ 2 25	$10 10	$20 99		$20 20	$10 30	$ 9 00		$18 18			$ 2 00		$16 20	$ 221 47
Bear Creek	60 00					7 00	5 00	5 00		10 00	$ 2 05		2 00		80	91 85
Bethany	70 00	15 00				1 60	1 00	1 60		3 23		$ 3 00	50		1 25	97 18
Bethlehem	100 00					6 00	5 00	5 00		5 00			2 00		2 30	125 30
Brush Creek	60 00			4 17		3 00	2 00	4 67		4 15	1 00		60		75	80 31
Beulah							1 80	1 80		1 80					70	6 10
Carthage	200 00	60 00	24 00			24 00	10 53	30 55		12 73			8 70		1 00	361 51
Cool Springs	60 00			1 33		1 35	91	1 70		2 59			1 73	$ 49	50	73 60
Cameron	128 90	194 00	1 00	23 18	$ 5 00	28 50	5 00	24 10		25 00		50 00	2 15		50	487 33
Deep River			7 55	2 50			1 00	50		1 00	1 00				50	14 05
Deep Creek																
Eagle Springs															35	35
Emmaus	60 00	228 06	6 30	6 00		5 02	1 85	2 75		6 13			25	86	1 50	318 72
Ephesus																
Fall Creek						4 00	3 00	3 00		5 00	1 77		1 15	1 36	80	20 08
Flint Hill																
Friendship	60 00	30 00				75	75	1 00		1 73		90				95 13
Gum Springs	80 00			3 00		2 00	2 00	3 82		2 50					75	93 07
Hickory Mountain	60 00					3 00	2 00	3 00		5 00			1 00	1 00	50	75 50
Jonesboro	158 09		13 00	15 00		18 95	16 45	18 88		10 00			5 00	2 00	25 14	282 51
Love's Creek	60 00					7 69	5 00	5 00		7 50			2 00		3 24	90 43
May's Chapel	80 00					10 00	10 00	10 00		5 00			1 50		80	117 30
Mechanic's Hall						1 00	1 00			2 00					50	4 50
Mineral Springs		353 43				1 10	25	1 98							90	357 66
Moon's Chapel			5 30			4 00	2 00	3 00		2 00	1 50		2 30		72	20 82
Mount Olive	75 00		15 00			63 32	2 00	2 50		5 00			1 00	70	1 10	165 62
Mount Pleasant	36 00							25		50					4 35	41 35
New Salem				1 26		1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00			1 00		40	6 66
Pine Grove						1 00	50			1 00			50	1 00	75	4 75
Pittsboro	150 00		17 47	7 38	2 50	30 43	50 88	25 11		26 8[illegible]		7 75	6 00	2 00	40 85	357 20
Pinebluff																
Rives' Chapel	55 00					3 74	2 47	3 00		1 30		8 02	2 21	1 82	20	77 79
Rock Springs	25 00					1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00			1 00		80	30 80
Rocky River				4 50		3 64	4 00	5 37		5 00				1 02	70	24 23
Sandy Branch	40 00		21 48			1 00	2 78	2 79		3 00			1 00		1 50	73 55
Sandy Creek		220 00	5 80	2 25			1 11	1 20			1 00					231 39
Sanford	375 01		24 00	41 64	3 00	25 00	10 57	15 00		25 00		44 26	10 00	4 85	1 50	579 85
Siler City	200 00		81 00			10 05	12 40	23 66		10 00			5 00		1 00	343 11
Staley						1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 07			50	35	5 92
Southern Pines	375 00	6 00	39 30	18 00		18 75	5 50					22 00			35	484 90
Tyson's Creek	50 00			5 00		6 01	3 50	5 50		5 00	61		2 00	50	75	78 87
Union Grove		3 50	16 63	3 00		2 00	50	2 00	1 12	1 70	1 73				7 10	39 28
Total	2710 28	1112 21	287 93	162 19	10 50	257 35	185 58	215 73	1 12	217 87	11 73	135 93	62 [illegible]	18 10	121 50	5510 07

CHURCHES	Time of Preaching	PASTORS	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Restored	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Reported last Year
Aberdeen	3rd	G. F. Mainwaring	A. F. Yates, Aberdeen	......	......	......	1	......	3	19	28	47	......
Bear Creek	3rd	W. H. H. Lawhon	B. B. Stinson, Goldston	......	13	......	......	......	2	59	99	158	147
Bethlehem	4th	W. H. H. Lawhon	Daniel Hannon, Carthage	......	2	......	3	1	......	78	137	215	216
Bethany	2nd	W. E. Woodruff	R. L. Oldham, Goldston	2	7	7	5	6	2	41	72	113	110
Brush Creek	1st	O. T. Edwards	W. R. Welch, Ore Hill	......	5	3	......	1	1	55	74	129	123
Beulah	2nd	W. H. H. Lawhon	H. C. Lambert, Noise	......	10	14	......	......	......	24	32	56	......
Cameron	4th	......	C. C. Jones, Cameron	......	10	5	6	1	1	17	25	42	44
Cool Springs	1st	......	J. F. King, Sanford	......	......	2	1	......	1	26	46	72	71
Carthage	3rd	......	C. O. Mainor, Carthage	......	......	......	7	1	......	36	42	78	......
Deep Creek	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Deep River	3rd	G. W. Harmon	Thomas Davis, Coleridge	......	......	......	......	......	......	13	20	33	33
Eagle Springs	......	N. H. Shepherd	S. A. Britt, Eagle Springs	......	......	......	......	......	......	8	10	18	......
Emmaus	2nd	L. R. Dixon	G. M. Clark, Hadley's	......	13	10	......	1	1	54	65	119	99
Ephesus	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Fall Creek	3rd	J. L. Smith	J. W. Brewer, Boaz	1	22	5	48	1	3	......	......	242	271
Friendship	2nd	O. T. Edwards	N. J. Muse, Mooshaunee	......	10	......	......	1	1	23	38	61	53
Flint Hill	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Gum Springs	3rd	O. T. Edwards	M. T. Wilkie, Moncure	1	18	3	3	2	4	72	114	186	172
Hickory Mountain	3rd	L. R. Dixon	N. B. Justice, Kimbolton	......	......	......	1	1	1	29	28	57	60
Jonesboro	......	......	D. O. Bryan, Jonesboro	......	......	1	6	......	5	39	52	91	101
Love's Creek	4th	O. T. Edwards	J. J. D. Hackney, Siler City	1	10	1	......	......	2	63	117	180	169
May's Chapel	1st	L. R. Dixon	J. H. Burke, Goldston	......	8	8	2	1	2	42	61	103	92
Mineral Springs	......	......	J. C. Dowd, Mount Vernon Springs	......	......	4	2	......	2	23	35	58	56
Moon's Chapel	......	J. L. Smith	E. L. Vestal, Jordan	......	......	......	1	......	......	21	40	61	62
Mechanic's Hill	2nd	W. H. H. Lawhon	J. R. Maness, Maness	......	4	......	1	1	......	25	41	66	64
Mount Olive	4th	L. R. Dixon	S. M. Lewis, Mandale	3	13	......	......	1	2	56	85	141	130
Mount Pleasant	1st	J. L. Smith	G. R. Williams, Staley	......	1	......	......	......	......	7	28	35	34
New Salem	......	......	E. L. Perry, Bynum	......	......	......	11	......	1	13	26	39	51
Pine Grove	4th	T. M. Baldwin	B. Deaton, Swinton	......	......	2	5	10	......	14	14	28	30
Pinebluff	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Pittsboro	3rd	......	J. W. Moore, Pittsboro	......	......	1	15	4	2	22	26	48	68
Rives' Chapel	3rd	L. R. Dixon	R. J. Watson, Rives' Chapel	1	12	......	8	......	3	46	66	112	111
Rock Springs	3rd	W. E. Woodruff	Paul Ferrell, Pittsboro	......	......	1	3	......	......	25	29	54	55
Rocky River	2nd	G. W. Harmon	J. W. Teague, Simmon Grove	......	......	......	1	......	......	44	51	95	96
Sandy Branch	4th	J. L. Smith	G. W. Blalock, Causey	......	14	4	2	......	......	54	69	123	109
Sandy Creek	3rd	G. W. Harmon	E. M. Siler, Kildee	......	......	......	......	2	1	23	54	77	83
Sanford	1st & 3rd	......	J. R. Weatherspoon, Sanford	1	1	16	10	2	2	43	58	101	96
Siler City	2nd	R. D. Haymore	W. A. Teague, Siler City	......	21	1	......	......	......	37	55	92	70
Staley	1st	J. L. Smith	I. P. Frazier, Staley	......	1	3	......	......	......	7	7	14	10
Southern Pines	1, 2, 3, 4	G. F. Mainwaring	G. H. Sadelson, Southern Pines	......	......	4	6	1	......	9	15	24	28
Tyson's Creek	2nd	O. T. Edwards	L. Moon, Harper's Crossroads	......	2	......	2	......	......	20	40	60	65
Union Grove	1st	W. H. Strickland	G. F. Garner, Whynot	......	......	......	......	3	......	48	102	100	153
Total	......	......	......	10	197	95	150	41	42	1255	1901	3398	2847

Constitution of Sandy Creek Baptist Association.

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of members not exceeding three in number from each Church, chosen by the different Churches in our union, together with such ordained ministers as may hold their membership with Churches belonging to this Association.

Art. 2. The application of any Church for membership shall be referred to a committee, who shall examine its Church covenant and articles of faith, and upon favorable report may be admitted as a constituent member of this body.

Art. 3. In letters from the different Churches shall be expressed the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and has died since last Association; also the total number in fellowship, together with the contributions forwarded.

Art. 4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any Church belonging to the union, *but shall sit only as an advisory council.*

Art. 5. The Association shall elect a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, annually, by the suffrages of members present; a majority of the ballots cast being necessary to decide the choice.

Art. 6. There shall be appointed by the Association at each annual session an Executive Board, to consist of five members, whose duty shall be to solicit funds for the support of a missionary or missionaries, to labor in such destitute portions of the Association as they may designate, and to disburse such funds as may be sent up to the Association for this purpose, drawing upon the Treasurer of the Association for any amount in his hands for this field of labor. It shall also be their duty upon the death of any of their members, or of the Treasurer of the Association, to fill such vacancies.

Art. 7. The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any Church in her union who shall knowingly and willfully violate the Constitution, or depart from the orthodox principles of religion.

Art. 8. Amendments to this Constitution shall be made only by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the Association present.

The following resolution was passed at the 128th annual session at Mount Olive, Chatham County, September, 1886:

"*Resolved*, That the ordained Baptist ministers present at each session of this Association be, and they are, hereby appointed a presbytery for the purpose of examining into and passing upon the qualifications and fitness for the gospel ministry all such candidates as the Churches may from time to time recommend (by letters) to this Association for ordination."

APPENDIX.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

The Association met March 28th, 1902, in its thirteenth annual session with the Church at May's Chapel, Chatham County, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by W. H. H. Lawhon from Timothy 2:8.

In the absence of the Clerk, E. M. Hunt was made Clerk *pro tem.*

At the opening of the afternoon session the following Churches were represented:

Bethany — L. R. Dixon and W. B. Poe.

Bear Creek — B. B. Stinson.

Bethlehem — W. H. H. Lawhon.

May's Chapel — H. W. Peoples, B. F. C. Burke and N. H. Perry.

Mount Olive — S. M. Lewis.

Rives' Chapel — J. T. Dark and Judson Temple.

Sandy Branch — S. Womble and Miss Rosa Womble.

Cool Springs — Mrs. Sue Temple and Thomas Groce.

Jonesboro — S. N. Liles, N. P. Leslie and E. M. Hunt.

Sanford — J. M. Rogers.

Hickory Mountain — O. L. Dorsett.

Ministers present: W. H. H. Lawhon, L. R. Dixon.

Superintendents present: N. A. Gilmore.

Officers were elected as follows: Moderator, L. R. Dixon; Secretary and Treasurer, E. M. Hunt.

A program was read and adopted.

"What is the Best Means of Securing Good Attendance at Sunday School," was discussed by W. H. H. Lawhon and J. T. Dark, and the subject was tabled.

The following committees were appointed:

Religious Exercises — Pastor of May's Chapel Church.

Place and Preacher for Next Meeting —T. J. Dark, S. M. Lewis and N. A. Gilmore.

Place and Preacher for Next Union Meeting — B. B. Stinson, S. Womble and B. F. C. Burke.

Printing Minutes —W. H. H. Lawhon, S. B. Moore and H. R. Howard.

Adjourned till 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Religious exercises were conducted by L. R. Dixon.

Preceding minutes were read and adopted.

"The Sunday School as an Evangelizing Agency," was discussed by W. H. H. Lawhon and T. J. Dark. By motion the subject was tabled.

"The Sunday School as a Means of Indoctrinating Our People," was discussed by W. H. H. Lawhon, L. R. Dixon, T. J. Dark and S. Womble.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

We, your Committee on Place and Preacher for the Next Meeting of the Sunday School Association, recommend Mount Olive as the place and C. A. G. Thomas to preach the Introductory Sermon; W. H. H. Lawhon, alternate.

T. J. Dark,
S. M. Lewis,
N. A. Gilmore,
Committee.

REPORT ON PRINTING MINUTES.

We, your Committee on Printing Minutes, recommend that the Minutes of the Sunday School Association be printed as an appendix to the minutes of the regular Association. We further recommend that sufficient amount of money be sent to the regular Association for the expenses of printing these minutes.

W. H. H. Lawhon,
H. K. Howard,
S. P. Moore,
Committee.

PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT UNION.

We, your Committee for Place and Preacher for Next Union Meeting, recommend Rives' Chapel as the place and O. T. Edwards to preach the Introductory Sermon; L. R. Dixon, alternate.

B. B. STINSON,
S. WOMBLE,
B. F. C. BURKE,
Committee.

Able speeches were made on the indebtedness of our Baptist Female University and how to pay our part of it by W. H. H. Lawhon, L. R. Dixon and T. J. Dark.

A motion prevailed that the Clerk notify each pastor of the Sandy Creek Sunday School Association to collect 25 cents from each of his Churches to pay for the printing of these minutes as an appendix to the regular Association minutes.

Motion to adjourn was carried.

SUNDAY.

L. R. Dixon presided over the mass-meeting.

Short talks were made on the Sunday School work by S. Womble, S. P. Moore, T. J. Dark and W. Merritt Burns.

After a song service at 11 o'clock, W. H. H. Lawhon preached from Isaiah 1:16-17-18.

A collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $3.53.

Benediction by W. H. H. Lawhon.

Mount Vernon Springs Academy.

Belongs to the Baptists of the Sandy Creek Association, and looks to them for support. ✦ ✦

Experienced Teachers.
One mile from Southern Ry.
Finest Mineral Water.
Two Literary Societies.
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Tuition, $1.00 to $2.50.
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Prepares well for College or Life.
Primary, Intermediate, High School and Music Departments.
Emerson said:
"Whoever you are be noble,
Whatever you do do well."
That is Our Motto.

Fall Term opened August 12, 1902, with a large attendance.
Spring Term opens December 30, 1902.

THAT CHILD

is yours. You are going to leave him some sort of an inheritance. The best and safest inheritance you can leave him is an education. Rains and droughts destroy crops, panics engulf the merchant; but education remains amid the "wreck of worlds and the crash of matter." The chief voice of the twentieth century will be the voice of the school bell chiming the note of Christian education. Will you not leave your boy or girl a treasure in the mind and soul "where thieves do not break through nor steal?"

LOYALTY

demands that you patronize your own Associational School, just as you do your own Church. This School has every possible advantage which is offered anywhere else in the Association. This alone is sufficient reason why you should patronize this School, but loyalty to your Associational School makes your duty most imperative.

Will you kindly write me before deciding to go elsewhere?

R. P. JOHNSON, A. M., Principal,
MOUNT VERNON SPRINGS, NORTH CAROLINA.

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N. H. Shepherd	Okeewemee, N. C.
W. L. Hayes	Sanford, N. C.
D. R. Sears	Siler City, N. C.
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P. A. Ferguson	Lambsville, N. C.
S. W. Fuquay	Eagle Springs, N. C.
W. H. H. Lawhon	Lawhon, N. C.
C. M. McIntosh	Louisville, Ky.
J. L. Smith	Siler City, N. C.
W. H. Strickland	Star, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

L. R. Dixon	Goldston, N. C.
D. O. Bryan	Jonesboro, N. C.
R. B. Lineberry	Pittsboro, N. C.
Laban Moon	Harper's Cross Roads, N. C.
H. F. Seawell	Carthage, N. C.

TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

W. H. H. Lawhon	1904		
D. O. Bryan	1904	L. R. Dixon	1904
J. M. Jordan	1905	J. T. Paschal	1905
R. B. Lineberry	1905	J. W. Dark	1904
E. V. Straughn	1904	O. B. Stroud	1904

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SANDY CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Bear Creek, N. C., October 1st, 1903.

The Sandy Creek Baptist Association met in its 145th annual session with the Church at Bear Creek, Chatham County.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by O. T. Edwards from Acts 2: 47.

After an intermission of one hour, the Association was opened with reading and prayer by G. W. Harmon.

The Moderator being dead, the Association was called to order by the Clerk. On motion R. P. Johnson was chosen as Moderator *pro tem.*

The letters from the churches were read by R. B. Lineberry and J. L. Griffin and delegates enrolled as follows:

Aberdeen—M. Wimberly, A. T. McFarland, H. H. Powell.
Bear Creek—G. T. Hart, G. C. Phillips, J. A. Tally.
Brush Creek—A. R. Ellis, J. B. Gilbert, W. H. Ellis.
Bethany—J. C. Dixon, E. D. Nall, Sr., A. G. Burk.
Bethlehem—C. B. Fry, C. G. Sullivan, H. H. Lawhon.
Beulah—J. W. Purvis, W. H. Howard, J. H. Powers.
Carthage—H. F. Seawell, W. M. Kivett, L. K. Rose.
Cool Springs—C. D. Groce, W. S. Temple, J. W. Bridges.
Cameron—Wm. Rogers, R. C. Thomas, W. M. Thomas.
Deep River—Thomas Davis, W. W. Caviness, D. B. Presnell.
Deep Creek—
Eagle Springs—J. W. Dixon, J. A. Desern, I. W. Sullivan.
Emmaus—C. N. Justice, W. F. Jones, G. M. Clark.
Ephesus—J. M. Tyson, T. J. Savage, M. N. Spivy.
Fall Creek—T. B. Bray, Thomas Hill, C. A. Wilson.
Flint Hill—
Friendship—

Gum Springs—G. L. Harmon, J. N. Hackney, C. C. Poe.
Hickory Mountain—N. B. Justice, W. J. Hackney, Jesse Buckner.
Jonesboro—S. N. Liles, E. A. Griffin, Jarvis Brooks.
Love's Creek—R. T. Teague, A. W. Fitts, E. G. Perry.
May's Chapel—O. C. Rogers, G. N. McIver, H. R. Howard.
Mechanics' Hill—Levi Maness, Jesse Moore.
Mineral Springs—R. P. Johnson, N. R. Dixon, C. C. Cheek.
Moon's Chapel—J. M. Jordan, N. McDonald, Thomas Lane.
Mount Olive—E. L. Russell, W. T. Walters, S. M. Lewis.
Mount Pleasant—Alexander Coble, O. H. Welch, Comma L. Kivett.
New Salem—H. M. Perry, R. M. Ray, C. O. Crutchfield.
Pine Grove—S. W. Fuquay, Elias Freeman, M. E. Myrick.
Pittsboro—R. B. Lineberry, J. L. Griffin, J. M. Griffin.
Pinebluff—Letter.
Rives' Chapel—T. J. Dark, B. E. Dowd, R. J. Watson.
Rock Springs—C. L. Dismukes, H. W. Ferrell, W. C. Caudle.
Rocky River—W. A. Lineberry, W. A. Duncan, W. C. Teague.
Sandy Branch—S. Womble, S. G. Norwood, T. G. Ivey.
Sandy Creek—N. J. Frazier, E. P. Williams, P. Langley.
Sanford—G. W. Temple, T. L. Chisholm, E. D. Nall.
Siler City—D. L. Webster, W. B. Gilmore, W. A. Teague.
Staley—J. W. Staley, C. G. Frazier, E. M. Teague.
Southern Pines—W. J. Fulford, N. D. Wells, F. H. Weaver.
Tyson's Creek—B. B. Phillips, C. R. Scott, J. B. Kidd.
Union Grove—J. P. Garner, J. R. Phillips, Daniel Criscoe.

Ministers present: S. W. Fuquay, D. R. Sears, W. H. H. Lawhon, T. M. Baldwin, O. T. Edwards, L. R. Dixon, N. H. Shepherd, W. J. Fulford, G. J. Dowell, W. L. Hayes.

Visitors present: T. D. Hackney, from Neuse Association; J. B. Boone, of the Orphanage; J. B. Richardson and G. W. Harmon, of the Piedmont Association; S. F. Conrad, of *The North Carolina Baptist;* J. S. Farmer, of the *Biblical Recorder;* L. Johnson, of the State Mission Board; Prof. W. R. Cullom, Wake Forest.

A speech of welcome was made by D. F. Wilkie.

Officers were elected as follows: Moderator, R. P. Johnson; Clerk, J. F. King; Treasurer, D. O. Bryan.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Bear Creek Church.
Order of Business—G. J. Dowell, W. H. H. Lawhon, O. T. Edwards.
Periodicals—T. M. Baldwin, E. D. Nall, W. S. Temple.
State Missions—G. J. Dowell, G. C. Phillips, W. H. Ellis.
Education—W. L. Hayes, H. F. Seawell, W. H. Howard.
Foreign Missions—L. R. Dixon, C. B. Fry, William Rogers.

Temperance—T. L. Chisholm, J. W. Dixon, C. N. Justice.
Prayer Meetings—D. L. Webster, T. B. Bray, C. C. Poe.
Orphanage—J. T. Paschal, S. N. Liles, R. T. Teague.
Relief Board—N. H. Shepherd, G. N. McIver, Lewis Maness.
Sunday Schools—R. B. Lineberry, S. M. Lewis, S. W. Fuquay.
Home Missions—O. T. Edwards, R. J. Watson, G. W. Temple.
Libraries—J. L. Griffin, J. W. Staley, D. R. Sears.
To Nominate Executive Board—O. T. Edwards, E. A. Griffin, T. J. Dark.
To Nominate Trustees of Associational School—W. L. Hayes, A. R. Ellis, J. W. Dixon.
Place and Preacher—Delegates of Churches in Fourth Section.
Auditing—G. W. Temple, N. R. Dixon, W. A. Duncan.

The Committee on Order of Business made the following report, which was adopted:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Your Committee on Order of Business would suggest that the Association meet at 9:30 a. m., and spend one half hour in hearing reports from the various Churches by delegates, and in prayer services, also the following order of business:

Friday—9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.
10:00 a. m.—Miscellaneous Business.
10:30 a. m.—Periodicals.
11:00 a. m.—Foreign Missions.
12:00 m.—Prayer Meetings.
12:30 p. m.—Adjournment.
1:30 p. m.—Orphanage.
2:30 p. m.—Home Missions.
3:30 p. m.—Relief Board.
———— Temperance.
Saturday—10:00 a. m.—State Missions.
11:00 a. m.—Education.
12:00 m.—Libraries.
12:30 p. m.—Adjournment.
1:30 p. m.—Report of Trustees of School.
1:45 p. m.—Colportage.
2:15 p. m.—Sunday Schools.
2:30 p. m.—Other Reports.

G. J. Dowell,
W. H. H. Lawhon,
O. T. Edwards,
Committee.

On motion the Association adjourned till 9:30 o'clock tomorrow.

Dismissed by W. L. Hayes.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The Association met at 9:30 o'clock. Religious exercises were conducted by W. L. Hayes.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Letters from Aberdeen, Deep River, Ephesus, Mechanics' Hill, Mount Pleasant, Sandy Branch, Southern Pines and Sandy Creek were read and delegates enrolled.

A motion was adopted that the Orphanage take the place of Foreign Missions in order of business.

W. H. H. Lawhon made the following report for the Committee to visit Deep Creek, Ephesus and Flint Hill Churches:

We recommend that Deep Creek be dropped from the list of churches, but that Ephesus and Flint Hill be retained.

The Report on Periodicals was read by T. M. Baldwin:

PERIODICALS.

Toward the accomplishment of our efforts to extend the kingdom of Christ we consider religious periodicals of primary importance, for they give not only an account of the progress of the Baptist denomination but create a lively interest in our spiritual Zion. Good papers, moreover, educate both old and young and are useful in all the departments of life.

We have many worthy periodicals published by our denomination that deserve the patronage of the people. *The North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field,* and the Sunday school literature of our Southern Baptist Convention, should have our encouragement and support.

As the *Biblical Recorder* is the organ of our Convention and has so long and so faithfully stood by our interests and done so much to promote our growth, we would especially recommend it to our Baptist people. It is well edited and neatly printed with good type on good paper. Sound to the core in doctrine, it fights the Christian Science idea, stands square against Mormonism and opposes the Sanctification craze. It boldly upholds the doctrines taught by the blessed Christ in the New Testament. This being true, we think the *Biblical Recorder* should make its weekly visits to every Baptist family in North Carolina. We would, therefore, recommend that an earnest effort be made by pastors and people to raise the subscription list of the *Biblical Recorder* to not less than ten thousand.

Respectfully submitted,
T. M. BALDWIN,
For Committee.

On motion to adopt, speeches were made by T. M. Baldwin,

W. J. Fulford, R. B. Lineberry and J. B. Boone. Report was adopted.

G. W. Harmon preached at the stand at this hour.

The Report on Orphanage was read by J. T. Paschal:

ORPHANAGE.

There are now 260 children at the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, seven teachers, and about twenty buildings worth $50,000. Another building is being erected, which will contain forty girls. Two other buildings of like capacity will be built in the near future, and it is thought there will be 350 or 400 children at the Orphanage next year.

The interest on bequests, by order of the board of trustees, is to be expended in the improvement and enlargement of the plant; so the obligation on our people to maintain the institution is growing heavier all the time and your committee would urge the churches to increase their contributions to meet its growing needs.

Two hundred and seventy-five Sunday schools in North Carolina are now giving the Orphanage a monthly collection each. This has been greatly helpful and we commend this plan to the Sunday schools in this Association which are not included in this number. We also commend the plan adopted by many schools of subscribing for *Charity and Children*, which in clubs of ten or more to one address they get for sixty cents a year. If all our people would read this excellent paper and learn the needs of the Orphanage and what noble things it is doing for our country, there would be no necessity to urge the people to give—its needs would be supplied.

J. T. Paschal,
S. N. Liles,
R. T. Teague,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by J. T. Paschal, J. B. Boone, J. B. Richardson and O. T. Edwards. The report was adopted and pledges taken amounting to $268.50, and a cash collection amounting to $19.36.

The Report on Prayer Meetings was read by D. L. Webster:

PRAYER MEETINGS.

Your Committee regard prayer meetings as essential to Christian growth and as a means of fitting us for nobler purposes in life, as well as for the extension of God's kingdom. Hence we recommend that our pastors and deacons use all their influence to have prayer meeting in every church in our Association.

D. L. Webster,
T. B. Bray,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by D. L. Webster, R. B. Lineberry and G. J. Dowell. Report was adopted.

Adjourned for dinner. Dismissed by W. J. Fulford.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

L. R. Dixon read a sketch on the life and character of Rev. S. Gilmore, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes. Talks were made by O. T. Edwards, L. R. Dixon, G. J. Dowell and S. Womble.

G. J. Dowell read a sketch on the life and character of our late Moderator, J. A. Ballentine, which was ordered printed in the minutes.

The Report on Foreign Missions was read by L. R. Dixon:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We have in China 63 missionaries, and 12 ordained and 67 unordained helpers, who are supplying 29 churches and 74 out-stations. There were 663 baptisms on our mission fields in China during last year. On the first of last May we had 3401 members who contributed $3167.48, with what the missionaries contributed, which is over 93 cents per member. In Africa we have 10 missionaries and 21 helpers, who are supplying 7 churches and 5 out-stations, and baptized 106 last year. We have in Africa a membership of 544, who, with the missionaries, contributed $1184.66, about $2.18 per capita. We have 12 missionaries and 12 native helpers in Japan. There were 30 baptized last year. We have in Japan 120 members. The work was organized in 1889. In Italy we have 4 missionaries and 27 helpers. There were 60 baptized on our field in Italy last year. We have 661 members in this field who, with the missionaries, contributed $1200 last year. We have in Mexico 17 missionaries and 19 helpers, who baptized 135 last year. We have 1251 members in our two Mexican fields. In Brazil we have 21 missionaries and 34 helpers, who baptized 796 during last conventional year. We have 2903 members in Brazil, over one fourth the entire membership being baptized last year. The first Brazilian mission was established about 21 years ago.

We have on all foreign fields 157 churches, 231 out-stations, 127 missionaries and 192 helpers. There were on all fields 1790 baptisms last year. We have on all fields 8880 members, who, with the missionaries, contributed $15,375.82, about $1.85½ per member.

Our State gave for Foreign Missions last year $15,541.20. It is our purpose to raise $20,000 this year, hence we, your Committee, recommend an increase in our contributions for Foreign Missions of nearly one third.

L. R. Dixon,
Wm. Rogers,
C. B. Fry,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by L. R. Dixon, J. B. Richardson, W. J. Fulford, O. T. Edwards, G. J.

Dowell and Wm. Rogers. Pledges were taken amounting to $288.00, and the report was adopted.

W. L. Hayes preached at the stand at 2:00 o'clock.

Letters from Moon's Chapel and Rock Springs were read and delegates enrolled.

The following resolution, offered by W. L. Hayes, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association request the churches to increase their contributions to Foreign Missions to an amount sufficient to pay the salary of one missionary. W. L. HAYES.

The Report on Home Missions was read by O. T. Edwards:

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board has had a useful history. It has broadened, unified and directed mission work in our Southland since its organization in 1845. Remote and isolated States and Associations are brought into closeness of touch and in sympathy with the general work, and the Baptist cause has been planted in such great centres as St. Louis, Atlanta, New Orleans and in hundreds of less important points. It has directed the evangelization of the Indians in the far West, extended its work over the island of Cuba and helped in the evangelization of the great mountain districts in Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama; and the Home Board, since the period of emancipation, has been engaged in giving the gospel to the negroes of the South. Coming into existence the same year that Texas was admitted into the Union, it saved that State, with its vast domains, to the Baptists. Every interest fostered by Southern Baptists has felt the *vital touch* of the Home Board, even the growing interest in Foreign Missions.

But great as has been its achievements in the past, a work vast and glorious awaits it in the future. The unceasing flow of population, the development of the resources of field, forest and mine, and the inflow of capital, call for increased energy, greater wisdom, more expansive plans and larger resources. In every State of the South industry and commerce are astir as *never before.* The smoke of countless furnaces and factories darken Southern skies. Improved agriculture is changing the *waste places* of the South into gardens of profit and beauty. Towns and cities are multiplying, railways are crossing and re-crossing at numerous centres and are penetrating every possible region. These are opportunities for great triumphs for our Lord.

The Home Board has a church building department which assists in erecting Baptist meeting houses over the field of the entire South. A church building crystalizes the moral sentiment of a community. It is the rallying point of spiritual forces. And the first denomination that builds the church seizes the key to the situation. A dashing and daring Southern general was asked the secret of his success. "To get there first with the most men," was his terse reply. Therefore, a meeting house should stand at every needed place.

Your Committee will close this report by appending a partial annual report of the Home Board: Missionaries, 671; churches and stations, 3000; baptisms, 8969; total additions, 18690; houses of worship built and improved, 280; Sunday schools organized, 494; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 17903.

Between the work of the Home Board and the Foreign Board there is the most vital connection. Weakness at *home* means weakness *abroad.* Every church planted on the home field and cultured after the New Testament idea, becomes a *foreign mission force.*

Respectfully submitted,
O. T. Edwards,
G. W. Temple,
R. J. Watson,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, the discussion was deferred until tomorrow afternoon.

The Report on Temperance was read by T. L. Chisholm:

TEMPERANCE.

I have been requested by the pastor of this church to write a letter on temperance. The subject is so broad and deep and so much has been said and written by much stronger men than myself that I don't feel equal to the occasion. But when I look out and see the great evil that we as a people, as a church and as Christians have to meet because of intemperance among our people, I feel like saying something.

Every argument, physical, moral and spiritual, is against intemperance. Not one favorable word can be spoken for the intoxicating cup. Human reason says strong drink is a curse; experience claims it to be a tyrant and a dreaded foe. Added to these we find that the truest, noblest, wisest and best people in the world charge it with being the most fruitful source of crime. Eminent ministers, distinguished lawyers, prominent physicians and successful business men unite in saying its root is selfishness, its spirit is discontent, its growth is conspiracy, its fruit is crime, its result is misery, its penalty is death. To all these arguments is added the scripture warning against looking on the cup when it is red, for at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder, and no drunkard can inherit the kingdom of God. If we had no scripture condemning the dreadful cup, we should for our own comfort and pure womanhood and home stand united as a church and fight the great enemy of our homes.

Hon. Ed. Pou, Congressman from this district, who was at one time a State Solicitor, has been quoted as saying in his practice: "The average cost in the trial of a criminal is about $35.00, with about 90 per cent. of the criminal cases that are in our courts originating from the use of liquor." As a matter of investment we could well afford to enlist in the cause of temperance, and through its power and influence open our jail doors, send our judiciary home and let our county officials look for other sources for a living.

All honor to Oates, Bailey, Broughton and other great leaders of our Baptist host in North Carolina because of the great fight they have made and are making today for the cause of temperance. They are instruments in God's hands to help free us as a people from the curse of the whiskey habit. The Baptists of the State are in the front rank of the temperance movement. So let us take courage and continue the fight until the victory is complete.

Respectfully submitted,
T. L. Chisholm,
J. W. Dixon,
C. N. Justice,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by T. L. Chisholm, J. B. Richardson and T. D. Hackney. Report adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by R. B. Lineberry and was as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The work of Sunday schools, if rightly understood as teaching the gospel, ranks second only to preaching the gospel. Indeed both are authorized by our Lord's great commission: "Go ye, therefore, and teach [disciple] all nations. * * * Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Teach them the way of eternal life, so that they may be converted into disciples of Jesus; teach them to observe all things commanded by our Lord that their lives may be cultured into more perfect harmony with our Savior's life and thus make it possible for God to give them nearer perfect happiness.

In some respects the Sunday school teacher has advantages which the minister has not. He can probe the heart more pointedly with personal questions and individual answers. For these and other reasons we urge that the doors of every church in our Association be open to Sunday school work each and every Sunday in the year. As a stimulus to this work we urge each church to send a letter and delegates to the next Sunday School Association. Respectfully submitted,

R. B. Lineberry,
S. W. Fuquay,
S. M. Lewis,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, discussion was deferred till Sunday morning at Sunday School Mass Meeting.

On motion the Association adjourned until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow.

S. W. Fuquay preached at Hickory Grove School House and N. H. Shepherd at Womble School House at night.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association convened at 9:30 o'clock. Religious exercises were conducted by W. J. Fulford.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

T. D. Hackney asked aid for Davis Grove, in Neuse Association.

G. J. Dowell read the report on State Missions:

STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions must be necessarily the foundation of all our great Christian enterprises. Christ said: "Preach the gospel to every creature, beginning at Jerusalem." It is the mudsill upon which we build the bridge bearing the trains of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief and the Orphanage work, all drawn by the dynamic forces of the gospel. Build strong, healthy churches in all the destitute sections of our State and these shall become strong storm centres which will feel compelled to send out in large measure men and means contributing to the needs of all worthy religious enterprises.

The pure, gospel-filled membership of the Baptist churches will not be satisfied to turn aside from the appeals of needy souls in foreign lands crying for the "Bread of Life," nor from the fatherless and motherless little ones who look to them for the substantials and necessaries of life, nor from the indigent young men who desire to drink of the "fount of knowledge" that they may the better proclaim the "old story of the cross," nor the poor young women who strive to fit themselves to be teachers in our Sunday schools and day schools, and wives of our pastors and missionaries in distant parts of the world. In great sections in the eastern part of our State, in some sections of the Sandy Creek Association, and in the great west beyond the mountains which kiss the sky are innumerable multitudes of immortal souls with bright minds and great material wealth ready to be utilized for the Master's glory, if only brought under the influence of the gospel of Christ as we have received it and preach it today. Shall these mountain torrents and great tides of humanity rush on in wild and maddening haste and be wasted in the great ocean of eternity, to fill it with unconverted and lost men and women? Shall we lift no cry of warning and raise no helping hand? God forbid!

Let us march in one grand phalanx against all such isms and fatality as will sweep our people off the stage of action unprepared to meet God. Let us fill the Lord's coffers with means and His fields with men to take our State for God. "Then the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." Churches holding the truth as it is in Jesus shall adorn every hilltop and school houses and happy children fill every valley, while the whole State shall shout aloud, "Happy is that people whose God is the Lord!" Distant lands shall feel the thrill of the gospel-truth touch and power, and the whole earth shall eventually be filled with His glory. Let us rally to increase our gifts to State Missions as we have never done before.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE J. DOWELL,
G. C. PHILLIPS,
W. H. ELLIS,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, speeches were made by G. J. Dowell and L. Johnson. Pledges were taken amounting to $257.00. Report adopted.

G. J. Dowell preached at the stand at this hour.

The Moderator announced J. M. Griffin, J. W. Dixon and E. D. Nall, Jr., as a Committee to Recommend Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Report on Education was read by W. L. Hayes and was as follows:

EDUCATION.

Next to our duty to evangelize is our duty to educate. It is a command from our Lord to give the gospel to all the world. The value of education makes it a plain duty upon us to provide the best educational facilities possible for the children and youth under our care.

It is with great gratitude and thankfulness to God that we can commend to our people the excellent schools which He has enabled us to build. It is a further cause for thankfulness that the schools which we have founded are so well patronized. Wake Forest, the Baptist Female University and our Associational School are full. We most heartily endorse these schools and commend them to the patronage of our people. The money put in Christian schools is a permanent investment and a great help in evangelization; therefore, we urge our people to continue and increase their support of our educational institutions. We ought to build them up and make them stronger, and in so doing make them more useful.

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. Hayes,
H. F. Seawell,
W. H. Howard,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, speeches were made by W. L. Hayes and W. R. Cullom. Pledges were taken amounting to $77.00 and a cash collection amounting to $7.43. Report was adopted.

The Report on Libraries was read by J. L. Griffin:

LIBRARIES.

The great principles which we as a Baptist people love and cherish so dearly may be forgotten when preached from the pulpit or taught in the class, but when once read around the fireside in an interesting and attractive book they leave their impressions for life.

We trust that the day is not far distant when not one fourth of the churches, as is the case now, but every church may report a well selected library. To this end we would refer you to the Baptist Book Store, Raleigh, N. C.

No one can estimate the influence which the mind has upon either the outward actions of the individual or the inward emotions of the soul. In fact we are what we are by reason of the mind or intellect which enlightens and directs our conscience. Religion is not a sentiment, but a deep-seated principal leading out from the mind and controlling the heart. How important, therefore, that the mind be properly fed by the reading of good, wholesome literature. Nature abhors a vacuum. The minds of our young people will be filled. We therefore urge each Sunday school to supply itself with a well selected library.

We note with pride the increasing demand for and supply of libraries by both our day and Sabbath schools. Many a bright intellect has been dwarfed by the lack of a book, and many a keen mind has brought the promising youth into sorrow and shame because of a bad book.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. Griffin,
J. W. Staley,
D. R. Sears,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by J. L. Griffin and O. T. Edwards. Report adopted.

The Executive Board made the following report:

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, your Executive Board, submit the following report: The amount in cash and books reported in the hands of William Rogers, former colporteur, by the Executive Board last year is still in his hands and we have ordered it turned over to the Treasurer of the Association. We recommended an appropriation of $40.00 at Eagle Springs this year, but owing to shortness of means the Board only appropriated $35.00.

Respectfully submitted,
L. R. Dixon,
R. B. Lineberry,
For the Board.

Adjourned for dinner. Dismissed by Prof. Cullom.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Report on Ministers' Relief was read by N. H. Shepherd:

MINISTERS' RELIEF.

God in His wisdom sees best to afflict His people. We are sometimes blessed by our parents living to a ripe old age. God's ministers are not always exempt from age, affliction and infirmity, and for reasons well known they are usually poor. Many of them have no people who are able and willing to care for them and administer to their wants. The State provides for its aged and helpless ones. And we are grateful to God that He has put it into the hearts of our Baptist people not to lag behind in this benevolent duty, but to be leaders. We have located at Durham a board whose business it is to look after this work. The members of this board, except perhaps the secretary, whose expenses are about paid, get no money for their work in this capacity.

All honor to those who, laboring under such difficulties, have given their lives to God's work. Their opportunities were so limited, yet they have laid the foundation wisely and well upon which we are proud to build. Your Committee recommends that we increase our pledges for this object in proportion to the increase all along the line. And may there not be a single blank in the relief column.

Respectfully submitted,
N. H. Shepherd,
G. N. McIver,
Levi Maness,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by N. H. Shepherd. Pledges were taken amounting to $33.50. Report adopted.

The courtesies of the body were extended to Rev. J. C. Humble, of the Methodist Church.

The Report on Home Missions was taken up and discussed by O. T. Edwards and W. R. Cullom. Pledges were taken amounting to $120.50. Report adopted.

N. H. Shepherd preached at the stand.

The Trustees of the Associational School made the following report:

ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

It gives us pleasure to report the Associational School at Mount Vernon Springs in a prosperous condition every way. The Principal, Prof. R. P. Johnson, is assisted by Miss Pearl Johnson, together with Miss Jennie Geddens who teaches music. The number of pupils enrolled at present is 83—the same number reported to last Association, but with twice as many boarding pupils. The outlook for the school was never so bright, and we would urge our people when sending their boys and girls away from home to a school of this grade to be loyal to their own school and send them to Mount Vernon Springs.

Experience teaches us that things wear out and must be replaced, and that repairs are necessary. The school needs two heaters, some window panes and sash. It becomes the duty of the trustees to call on the Association for $10.00 for this purpose. We have only $5.72 in the treasury.

J. T. Paschal,
For Board of Trustees.

After remarks by J. T. Paschal and M. Wimberly, and a cash collection of $10.45, the report was adopted.

The Committee to Nominate Executive Board made the following report:

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, your Committee to Nominate Executive Board, recommend the following brethren, viz.: L. R. Dixon, D. O. Bryan, R. B. Lineberry, Laban Moon and H. F. Seawell. Respectfully submitted,

O. T. Edwards,
T. J. Dark,
Committee.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Place and Preacher reported as follows:

PLACE AND PREACHER.

We, Your Committee on Place and Preacher, recommend Sanford as place for the next session of the Association, and G. J. Dowell to preach the Introductory Sermon. Respectfully submitted,

W. H. H. Lawhon,
For Committee.

Report adopted.

The Committee to Nominate Trustees of Associational School made the following report, which was adopted:

NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

We, your Committee to Nominate Trustees of Associational School, recommend the following brethren: J. M. Jordan, R. B. Lineberry and J. T. Paschal.

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. Hayes,
J. W. Dixon,
A. R. Ellis,
Committee.

The Auditing Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We, the Auditing Committee, beg leave to report as follows: We have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer for the year 1902 and find that he collected $351.23 and disbursed the same amount, for which we find proper vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,
N. R. Dixon,
W. A. Duncan,
Committee.

Committee to Recommend Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention made the following report:

DELEGATE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

We, your Committee, recommend John T. Paschal for delegate and J. F. King for alternate.

J. M. Griffin,
J. W. Dixon,
E. D. Nall, Jr.,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that the Associational School be allowed to advertise on back of minutes.

On motion, it was ordered that the Sunday School Association minutes be printed as an appendix to the regular minutes.

On motion, R. M. Jones was appointed Corresponding Messenger to Mount Zion Association.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their abundant hospitality.

J. F. King.

The Treasurer made the following report, which was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT—AMOUNT RECEIVED WITH LETTERS.

Minute Fund, including Sunday School Minute Fund	$ 32.12
State Missions	50.53
Home Missions	37.65
Foreign Missions	38.03
Orphanage	86.86
Ministerial Education	26.85
Ministers' Relief	10.61
Sandy Creek Memorial	16.62
Associational Missions	.75
Sunday School Missions	.86
Hat Collection for Orphanage	19.36
Hat Collection for Education	7.43
Hat Collection on Sunday for State Missions	20.87
Total	$348.54

Respectfully submitted,
D. O. Bryan,
Treasurer.

October 3rd, 1903.

On motion, adjourned.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Mass meeting was conducted by W. H. H. Lawhon. Short speeches were made by L. R. Dixon, O. T. Edwards, J. T. Paschal, L. Moon, S. F. Conrad, W. H. H. Lawhon.

W. R. Cullom preached in the church and J. B. Richardson at the stand.

A collection was taken up for State Missions, which amounted to $20.87.

Thus closed a most pleasant and profitable session of the Association. The attendance was large through the whole meeting.

AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED BY THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES OF THE SANDY CREEK ASSOCIATION.

Aberdeen	$ 26.41
Carthage	103.55
Jonesboro	61.94
Pittsboro	66.35
Southern Pines	11.41
Sandy Creek	6.35
Total	$276.01

The above amounts were disbursed as follows:

Foreign Missions	$ 53.57
Home Missions	39.25
State Missions	31.80
Value of Boxes to Home Missionaries	151.39
Total	$276.01

Mrs. H. T. Chapin,
Vice-President.

SECTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

FIRST SECTION.

Brush Creek,
Mechanic's Hill,
Mount Pleasant,
Union Grove,
Moon's Chapel,
Sandy Creek,
Tyson's Creek,
Beulah,
Staley,
Fork Creek,
Deep River,
Fall Creek,
Pine Grove.

SECOND SECTION.

Emmaus,
New Salem,
Siler City,
Mount Olive,
Rocky River,
Rock Springs,
Love's Creek,
Hickory Mountain,
Pittsboro.

THIRD SECTION.

Bear Creek,
May's Chapel,
Gum Springs,
Sandy Branch,
Rives' Chapel,
Mineral Springs,
Bethany.

FOURTH SECTION.

Aberdeen,
Jonesboro,
Carthage,
Eagle Springs,
Cool Springs,
Cameron,
Flint Hill,
Friendship,
Ephesus,
Sanford,
Bethlehem,
Southern Pines,
Pinebluff.

PLEDGES OF CHURCHES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1903-1904.

CHURCHES	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministers' Relief
Aberdeen	$..........	$ 2 00	$ 15 00	$ 7 50	$ 1 00	$ 1 00
Bear Creek	10 00	2 00	8 00	9 00	5 00	1 00
Bethany	10 00	2 00	7 00	8 00	5 00	1 00
Bethlehem	5 00	2 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	....
Brush Creek	5 00	2 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	1 00
Beulah	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00
Carthage	15 00	5 00	10 00	13 00	....	....
Cool Springs	6 00	2 00	4 00	5 00	2 00	1 00
Cameron	60 00	5 00	30 00	50 00	20 00	5 00
Deep River	1 00	....	....	....	....	....
Eagle Springs	2 50	2 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	1 00
Emmaus	4 00	1 00	2 50	3 00	2 00	1 00
Ephesus	1 00	....	1 00	....	....	....
Fall Creek	5 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	1 00
Flint Hill	....	....	....	....	....	....
Friendship	....	....	....	....	....	....
Fork Creek	....	....	....	....	....	....
Gum Springs	7 50	7 50	7 50	10 00	5 00	1 00
Hickory Mountain	5 00	1 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 00
Jonesboro	10 00	5 00	12 00	12 00	10 00	2 00
Love's Creek	8 00	2 00	8 00	10 00	6 00	1 00
May's Chapel	5 00	2 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	1 00
Mechanic's Hill	2 00	....	1 00	1 00	....	....
Mineral Springs	5 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Moon's Chapel	5 00	2 00	....	2 00	2 00	....
Mount Olive	5 00	1 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	1 00
Mount Pleasant	1 00	....	1 00	....	1 00	....
New Salem	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	....	....
Pine Grove	2 50	....	5 00	....	....	....
Pittsboro	25 00	6 00	30 00	30 00	20 00	3 00
Pinebluff	....	....	....	....	....	....
Rives' Chapel	5 00	2 00	5 00	7 00	3 00	1 00
Rock Springs	....	1 00	1 00	5 00	....	....
Rocky River	3 00	1 00	3 00	2 50	1 50	1 00
Sandy Branch	....	1 00	2 50	2 00	3 00	1 00
Sandy Creek	1 00	....	1 00	1 00	....	....
Sanford	20 00	6 00	30 00	20 00	6 00	2 00
Siler City	20 00	6 00	15 00	35 00	....	2 00
Staley	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	50
Southern Pines	5 00	2 00	10 00	10 00	....	....
Tyson's Creek	5 00	....	7 00	6 00	3 00	1 00
Union Grove	1 00	50	1 00	2 00	....	....
Total	$268 50	$ 77 00	$257 00	$288 00	$120 50	$ 33 50

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Time of Preaching	PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Restored	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Reported last Year
Aberdeen	3rd	J. B. Richardson, High Point	A. F. Yates, Aberdeen	1	4	3	1	......	......	22	33	55	47
Bear Creek	3rd	W. H. H. Lawhon, Lawhon	J. M. Stinson, Goldston	......	17	4	2	......	1	62	114	176	158
Bethlehem	......	W. H. H. Lawhon, Lawhon	D. Hannon, Carthage	1	16	7	16	......	2	81	140	221	215
Bethany	2nd	O. T. Edwards, Mt. Vernon Sp'gs	J. T. Paschal, Goldston	......	5	3	1	4	1	40	76	116	113
Brush Creek	1st	O. T. Edwards, Mt. Vernon Sp'gs	W. R. Welch, Ore Hill	......	1	......	......	......	2	56	72	128	129
Beulah	2nd	W. H. H. Lawhon, Lawhon	H. C. Lambert, Joseph	......	15	13	......	......	1	41	43	84	56
Cameron	1st	G. J. Dowell, Carthage	C. C. Jones, Cameron	......	1	5	1	......	1	18	30	48	42
Cool Springs	2nd	W. L. Hayes, Sanford	J. F. King, Sanford	......	2	2	2	......	4	26	42	68	72
Carthage	3rd	G. J. Dowell, Carthage	C. O. Manor, Carthage	1	5	9	6	......	1	37	44	81	78
Deep River	3rd	W. H. Strickland, Star	Miss C. L. Davis, Coleridge	......	3	......	......	......	......	3	27	30	33
Eagle Springs	2nd	N. H. Shepherd, Okeewemee	S. A. Britt, Eagle Springs	......	......	2	......	......	......	9	11	20	18
Emmaus	2nd	L. R. Dixon, Goldston	G. M. Clark, Hadley's	......	4	5	2	1	1	54	70	124	119
Ephesus	4th	Wm. Rogers, Cameron	T. J. Savage, Villanow	......	......	......	......	......	......	10	12	22	......
Fall Creek	3rd	J. L. Smith, Siler City	S. J. Brady, Bray	......	20	......	7	......	......	......	......	255	242
Friendship	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Flint Hill	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Gum Springs	3rd	O. T. Edwards, Mt. Vernon Sp'gs	M. T. Wilkie, Moncure	1	7	2	12	4	5	66	116	182	186
Hickory Mountain	3rd	L. R. Dixon, Goldston	N. B. Justice, Kimbolton	......	7	5	......	......	......	33	36	69	57
Jonesboro	4th	G. J. Dowell, Carthage	D. O. Bryan, Jonesboro	......	2	1	5	......	2	39	48	87	91
Love's Creek	4th	O. T. Edwards, Mt. Vernon Sp'gs	J. J. D. Hackney, Siler City	......	10	2	1	1	2	61	112	181	180
May's Chapel	1st	L. R. Dixon, Goldston	J. H. Burke, Goldston	......	13	......	1	1	......	47	60	107	103
Mineral Springs	3rd	......	J. C. Dowd, Mt. Vernon Springs	......	......	......	......	......	......	23	35	58	61
Moon's Chapel	2nd	J. L. Smith, Siler City	E. L. Vestal, Jordan	......	2	1	2	......	......	23	41	54	58
Mechanic's Hill	2nd	W. H. H. Lawhon, Lawhon	J. R. Maness, Maness	......	......	......	2	......	1	23	39	62	66
Mount Olive	4th	L. R. Dixon, Goldston	S. M. Lewis, Mandale	......	......	6	2	2	6	54	86	140	141
Mount Pleasant	1st	J. L. Smith, Siler City	G. R. Williams, Staley	......	......	......	......	......	1	7	27	34	35
New Salem	......	R. F. Andrews, Mandale	E. L. Perry, Bynum	......	......	......	......	......	1	12	26	38	39
Pine Grove	......	T. M. Baldwin, Elder	B. Deaton, Swinton	......	......	......	......	......	......	14	14	28	28
Pinebluff	......	......	Cora E. Dudley, Pinebluff	......	......	4	3	......	......	......	......	9	8
Pittsboro	3rd	W. L. Hayes, Sanford	J. W. Moore, Pittsboro	......	......	1	2	1	......	21	28	49	48
Rives' Chapel	3rd	L. R. Dixon, Goldston	R. J. Watson, Rives' Chapel	3	14	......	5	......	......	55	71	126	112
Rock Springs	......	R. F. Andrews, Mandale	P. T. Ferrell, Pittsboro	......	......	......	7	3	1	20	26	46	54
Rocky River	2nd	G. W. Harmon, Ramseur	J. W. Teague, Simmon Grove	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	93	94
Sandy Branch	4th	J. L. Smith, Siler City	G. W. Blalock, Causey	2	13	......	......	......	2	63	73	136	123
Sandy Creek	......	......	E. M. Siler, Kildee	......	4	......	......	7	2	23	47	70	77
Sanford	1st, 2nd	W. L. Hayes, Sanford	W. C. York, Sanford	......	3	9	6	......	......	44	67	111	101
Siler City	2nd	G. J. Dowell, Carthage	S. S. Smith	......	2	......	1	......	......	37	55	92	92
Staley	1st	J. L. Smith, Siler City	D. P. Frazier, Staley	......	......	......	......	......	......	7	7	14	14
Southern Pines	1, 2, 3, 4	W. J. Fulford, Southern Pines	G. H. Sadelson, Southern Pines	......	......	2	3	......	......	11	14	25	24
Tyson's Creek	......	......	L. Moon, Harper's Crossroads	......	6	......	2	......	......	22	44	66	60
Union Grove	1st	W. H. Strickland, Star	G. F. Garner, Whynot	4	18	......	2	1	4	55	110	165	100

CHURCHES	Pastor's Sa	Building and Rep	Sandy Creek Memo	Incident	S. S. Ex-pe	Poor	State Miss	Home Miss	Foreign Miss	Orphana	Colleges and Sch	Minister Educa	Minister R	Other Obj	Total
Aberdeen	$ 165 00	$ 104 75	$	$ 11 43	$ 20 59	$ 40 00	$ 12 52	$ 16 61	$ 22 14	$ 7 81	$ 15 00	$	$	$ 18 65	$ 434 50
Bear Creek	60 00						7 50	5 00	7 00	10 00		2 00	1 00	1 58	94 08
Bethlehem	100 00				7 53		5 00	4 00	5 00	5 00			1 00	32 40	159 93
Bethany	90 00		2 50		3 00		5 00	5 00	5 00	10 80	10 44	1 00		9 05	141 79
Brush Creek			1 00				5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		2 00		8 30	31 30
Beulah		400 00			1 50			1 84	1 50	2 00				60	407 44
Cameron	175 95	18 00	5 00	1 00	30 04	1 00	41 14	19 30	31 85	31 03		5 25	5 00	16 50	381 06
Cool Springs	60 00		1 00				3 00	2 50	5 00	5 00	2 25	2 00	1 00	6 00	87 75
Carthage	200 00			125 00	36 00		26 75	103 35	36 87	14 35	100 00	5 00	2 00	6 00	655 32
Plank Road S. S.							1 00		1 00						2 00
Deep River	30 00	5 00			2 50			1 00	1 00	1 00			50	50	41 50
Eagle Springs							2 00		1 00	2 00	5 00	1 00		50	11 50
Emmaus	75 00				5 10	11 35	2 50	2 00	3 82	7 78		65	80	1 15	110 15
Ephesus							1 00		1 00					3 55	5 55
Fall Creek			1 05				3 00	2 11	2 11	5 00		88		82	14 97
Friendship															
Flint Hill															
Gum Springs	100 00	3 60	1 00		5 00		5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	3 00	1 00	12 00	155 60
Hickory Mountain	60 00		2 00		6 08	11 12	3 00	2 00	3 00	5 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	95 20
Jonesboro	200 00	25 00		33 80	5 60	5 00	12 00	45 24	12 00	10 97	5 00	5 00	2 00	14 49	376 10
Love's Creek	100 00	2 00	5 00		3 00		5 00	5 00	5 00	7 50	11 00	2 00	1 00	1 75	148 25
May's Chapel	80 00						7 10	7 50	8 10	5 00		2 00	50	50	110 70
Mineral Springs		150 00			6 00		2 00	2 00	2 00					80	162 80
Moon's Chapel	40 00						2 00	4 00	3 00			2 00		65	51 65
Mechanic's Hill		200 00						1 00		2 00				75	203 75
Mt. Olive	90 00		2 45		5 00		2 50	1 64	2 00	6 00	8 00			65	118 24
Mt. Pleasant	36 00							1 75		1 00	2 00			25	41 00
New Salem					82		1 00	1 00		1 00		1 00		40	5 22
Pine Grove							75	75	50	2 00				35	4 35
Pinebluff		385 47						1 00	1 00	2 00					389 47
Pittsboro	150 00			7 20	16 30		34 56	49 63	31 59	27 87	15 75	7 90	4 00	42 59	387 39
Rives' Chapel	60 00				4 00		4 00	1 15	3 00	3 00		1 50	67	1 05	78 37
Rock Springs							1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00		70	5 70
Rocky River	50 00				5 40		3 00	7 65	7 08	5 10		1 00	1 31	2 25	82 79
Sandy Branch	40 00		2 00	14 21			1 50	3 00	1 00	3 00		4 50	1 00	75	70 96
Sandy Creek	40 00	200 00		3 50	3 27									50	247 27
Sanford	400 00	34 65	2 00	54 00	38 20		15 18	12 00	27 08	24 45	5 27	11 00	4 27	3 00	631 10
Siler City	200 00			52 18	27 10	5 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	10 00	29 00	6 00	2 00	1 00	368 28
Staley					5 00		1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	25	50	50	13 75
Southern Pines	215 60	12 00		40 01	17 25			7 00						4 50	296 36
Tyson's Creek							6 00	3 00	5 00	5 00		2 00	1 00	40	22 40
Union Grove				8 30	3 50	2 56	1 00	2 00	1 50	2 00				1 00	21 86
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The above items include also the various amounts sent up with the letters, and is a statement of the total contributions of each church during the entire associational year. The "Minute Fund," amounting to $32.12, is included in "Other Objects." See Treasurer's report for various total amounts sent up with letters.

Constitution of Sandy Creek Baptist Association.

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of members not exceeding three in number from each Church, chosen by the different Churches in our union, together with such ordained ministers as may hold their membership with Churches belonging to this Association.

Art. 2. The application of any Church for membership shall be referred to a committee, who shall examine its Church Covenant and Articles of Faith, and upon favorable report may be admitted as a constituent member of this body.

Art. 3. In letters from the different Churches shall be expressed the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and has died since last Association; also the total number in fellowship, together with the contributions forwarded.

Art. 4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any Church belonging to the union, *but shall sit only as an advisory council.*

Art. 5. The Association shall elect a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, annually, by the suffrages of members present; a majority of the ballots cast being necessary to decide the choice.

Art. 6. There shall be appointed by the Association at each annual session an Executive Board, to consist of five members, whose duty shall be to solicit funds for the support of a missionary or missionaries, to labor in such destitute portions of the Association as they may designate, and to disburse such funds as may be sent up to the Association for this purpose, drawing upon the Treasurer of the Association for any amount in his hands for this field of labor. It shall also be their duty upon the death of any of their members, or of the Treasurer of the Association, to fill such vacancies.

Art. 7. The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any Church in her union who shall knowingly and willfully violate the Constitution, or depart from the orthodox principles of religion.

Art. 8. Amendments to this Constitution shall be made only by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the Association present.

The following resolution was passed at the 128th annual session at Mount Olive, Chatham County, September, 1886:

"*Resolved*, That the ordained Baptist ministers present at each session of this Association be, and they are, hereby appointed a presbytery for the purpose of examining into and passing upon the qualifications and fitness for the gospel ministry all such candidates as the Churches may from time to time recommend (by letters) to this Association for ordination."

SKETCH OF THE LIFE AND CHARACTER OF ELDER STEPHEN GILMORE.

Elder Stephen Gilmore was born in Chatham County, N. C., July 9th, 1828, and died April 29th, 1902, aged 73 years, 9 months and 20 days.

He was married four times. He first married a Miss Baker, of Moore County, who died and left one daughter who now lives in Durham County. His second wife was a Miss Oldham, who died and left no children. His third wife was a Miss Temple, of Moore County, who died and left two children, one son and one daughter. His last wife was a Miss Dowd, daughter of the late Col. W. D. Dowd, of Moore County, who was Moderator of this Association for a number of years. She has one son who is now practicing medicine.

He professed religion in 1841, when about 13 years old, and joined May's Chapel Church in 1842, being baptized by Elder P. W. Dowd. Some years after his conversion he began to exercise in public, and attended Wake Forest College three sessions. He was licensed to preach by May's Chapel Church in December, 1853. He was ordained at the request of May's Chapel Church in November, 1857, by Elders George W. Purefoy, Thomas S. Yarboro and John C. Wilson, and was called to the pastoral care of the following churches for the year 1858: May's Chapel and Cane Creek (in Orange County), Cool Springs and Crane's Creek (in Moore County). He served May's Chapel for six consecutive years and Cool Springs for fourteen years. In after time he was pastor of Juniper Springs, Carthage, Bethlehem, Friendship, Mount Zion, Bear Creek, Emmaus, Mount Olive, Love's Creek, Gum Springs, Moon's Chapel, Rocky River, Brush Creek, Mineral Springs, Hickory Mountain, Rives' Chapel, Sandy Branch, Tyson's Creek and possibly some other churches. A large number of people were converted under his ministry and baptized by him. He was an orthodox preacher and loyal to the institutions of our denomination. He was a strong gospel minister and contended earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints.

He was sick for several months, though he suffered no severe pain. He bore his afflictions very patiently, sustained by that grace of which he had spoken to others so often. He told the writer several weeks before he died that he was ready to go when the Lord's time came, and that he was not afraid to die. He was an ordained minister for nearly forty-five years, and eternity alone can reveal the good he did under God during these years. Truly a good man is gone!

The writer preached his funeral from 2 Tim. 4:7-8. W. H. H. Lawhon was present and participated in the services. We laid his body to rest in Cool Springs cemetery to await the resurrection.

L. R. Dixon.

SKETCH OF THE LIFE AND CHARACTER OF DR. J. A. BALLENTINE.

Dr. J. A. Ballentine was a son of David Gaston and Nancy Judd Ballentine. He was born in Harnett County, N. C., February 23rd, 1858, and died August 21st, 1903.

HIS COLLEGE AND PROFESSIONAL LIFE.

He entered Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1880 and graduated March 7th, 1882. He practiced dentistry in Fayetteville with Dr. Small. Then in 1884 he located in Jonesboro, where he remained until death. He did itinerant practice in Carthage, Cameron, Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Thomasville and other places. The last years of his professional life were spent mainly in his office at Jonesboro. He made for himself a splendid reputation by his faithfulness and conscientious work. His work was always thorough and substantial, giving satisfaction to his patients.

HIS RELIGIOUS LIFE.

He was converted to the Christian religion early in life and united with the Kinney's Creek Baptist Church. When he located in Jonesboro he joined the Jonesboro Baptist Church, and to this church he gave the best thought and zeal of his life. The church there owes its success in a large measure to his efforts, benevolence, zeal and consecration. Not only was he interested in his church, but in the general progress of his denomination. He was Moderator of the Sandy Creek Association the two years previous to his death. He took a lively interest in all denominational work. He was superintendent of his Sunday school nine years previous to his death. Many Baptist Sunday schools in this section have been supplied with libraries as a result of his efforts. His life and influence will not only be missed by his church and town, but by the Baptist denomination.

HIS PRIVATE AND SOCIAL LIFE.

He was dutiful and obedient to his parents as a boy and when a man he showed the kindest and most loving consideration for those who had loved and cared for him. He honored his parents. His two sisters who survive him had in him a loving and helpful brother. They shared with him his material prosperity.

On the 4th of May, 1894, he was married to Miss Minnie Bell, a most cultured and accomplished Christian lady. He was exceedingly fortunate and happy in his married relations. His home in Jonesboro was always open to the ministers of the gospel. In the years of his married life a great many Baptist ministers have been royally entertained in his home. He was genial, hospitable and big-hearted. He will be missed by his kind, true and faithful wife, and by many others who have found rest and Christian love in his home. His earthly home was pleasant and happy, but his heavenly home is sweeter and happier. G. J. Dowell.

APPENDIX.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

The Association met March 27th, 1903, in the fourteenth annual session with the Church at Mount Olive, Alamance County, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by W. L. Hayes from Romans 1: 16.

In the absence of the Clerk, R. B. Lineberry was made Clerk *pro tem.*

The following Churches were represented:

Brush Creek—O. T. Edwards.

Bethany—L. R. Dixon.

Emmaus—C. N. Justice, John Webster, B. E. Moody.

Gum Springs—J. M. Burns.

Hickory Mountain—W. B. Dorsett, C. M. Webster, Troy Ferguson.

Love's Creek—W. L. Poe.

May's Chapel—O. C. Rogers, W. H. Burns, Miss Dehlia Vestal.

Mount Olive—C. N. Cheek, W. S. Thomas, D. S. Ellington.

New Salem—H. M. Perry, Ed. Perry.

Pittsboro—R. B. Lineberry.

Rives' Chapel—Walter W. Dark.

Rocky River—John Cheek.

Sanford—W. L. Hayes.

Siler City—D. L. Webster.

Ministers present: O. T. Edwards, L. R. Dixon, W. L. Hayes, P. A. Ferguson.

Superintendents present: W. J. Hackney, R. F. Andrews.

Officers were elected as follows: Moderator, L. R. Dixon; Secretary and Treasurer, R. B. Lineberry.

A program was read and adopted.

"What are some of the greatest hindrances to the Sunday School and how to overcome them?" was discussed by O. T. Edwards, R. F. Andrews, D. L. Webster and R. B. Lineberry, and the query was tabled.

"How can we secure the organization of a Sunday School in the Churches of our Association which have none?" was discussed by D. L. Webster and W. L. Hayes, and the query was tabled.

W. L. Hayes was appointed Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Association.

The following committees were appointed:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Mount Olive Church.

Place and Preacher for Next Meeting—D. L. Webster, C. N. Justice, W. L. Poe.

Printing Minutes—O. T. Edwards, R. B. Lineberry, W. J. Hackney.

Discussion of Query No. 5 was made special order for 11:00 o'clock a. m. Saturday.

Adjourned till 9:00 a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Religious exercises were conducted by O. T. Edwards.

The Secretary was asked to secure statistics giving full information as to Sunday school work.

How can we improve our Sunday Schools?" was discussed by D. L. Webster and W. L. Hayes.

Special order, "The importance of raising by May 1st, 1903, balance of our pledge on Century Fund," was discussed by R. B. Lineberry, W. L. Hayes and O. T. Edwards, and query was tabled.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Query No. 3 was resumed in discussion by O. T. Edwards and J. M. Burns, and query was tabled.

Query No. 4 was discussed by C. N. Justice, P. A. Ferguson, R. F. Andrews, R. T. Teague, L. R. Dixon, R. D. Smith and O. T. Edwards, and query was tabled.

O. T. Edwards urged that hereafter queries be answered.

PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Your Committee recommend Hickory Mountain Church as the place and G. J. Dowell to preach Introductory Sermon.

D. L. Webster,
C. N. Justice,
W. L. Poe,
Committee.

PRINTING MINUTES.

We, your Committee on Printing Minutes, recommend that the minutes of the Sunday School Association be printed as an appendix to the minutes of the regular Association. We further recommend that a sufficient amount of money be sent to the regular Association for the expenses of printing these minutes.

O. T. Edwards,
W. J. Hackney,
Committee.

SUNDAY.

In mass meeting interesting talks were made by Robert T. Teague, O. C. Rogers, James M. Burns, C. M. Webster and R. D. Smith.

Rev. O. T. Edwards preached at 11:00 o'clock a. m. from 2 Thes. 5:16.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Enrolled	Average Attendance	Months Kept Open	Volumes in Library	Quarterlies Taken	School Expenses	Other Objects
Aberdeen	J. A. Randall, Aberdeen	6	36	25	12		83	$ 20 59	$
Bear Creek	G. C. Phillips, Bear Creek	8	34		6		38	4 00	
Bethany	D. E. Murchison, Gulf	5	30	25	8		36		
Bethlehem.	D. Hannon, Carthage	11	91	50					
Beulah	J. L. Purvis, Joseph	10	54	35	6		39		
Carthage	W. C. Petty, Carthage	6	50	45	12	50	100	36 00	
Cameron	Chas. C. Jones, Cameron	12	78	50	12	53	100	30 04	35 95
Deep River	W. W. Caviness, Coleridge	5	40	35	6		60		
Emmaus	C. N. Justice, Hadley	8	94	61	9	89		5 10	
Ephesus	T. J. Savage	4	15			40	15	2 08	
Fall Creek	R. W. Kidd, Joseph	10	96	60	8		100	2 12	
Gum Springs	C. C. Poe, Lockville	6	63	40	12		50	5 00	
Hickory Mountain	W. J. Hackney, Lindhurst	8	107	68	12	50	280	6 08	
Jonesboro	S. N. Liles, Jonesboro	7	50	30	12	126	65	18 80	25 20
May's Chapel	N. A. Gilmore, Tysor's Mills	6	50	35	12		40		
Mineral Springs	Dr. O. B. Strowd, Ore Hill	5	50	23	12		60	6 00	
Mount Olive	R. F. Andrews, Mandale	9	112	70	12		60	5 00	2 00
New Salem	R. M. Ray, Roscoe	3	15		9		16	82	
Pittsboro	R. H. Dixon, Pittsboro	7	50	40	12	60	50	16 30	1 51
Pinebluff	Mrs. F. T. Spinney, Pinebluff	5	25	20		200		17 66	2 00
Rives' Chapel	W. V. Cheek	7	65	40	8		40	4 00	25
Rocky River	W. C. Teague, Simmon Grove	5	58				46	5 40	6 21
Rock Springs	P. T. Farrell, Pittsboro	6	25				120	2 70	
Sandy Branch	W. A. Womble, Bear Creek	7	77	40	9			15 40	15 65
Sanford	T. L. Chisholm, Sanford	8	100	75	12		125	38 20	44 78
Siler City	D. L. Webster, Siler City	8	174	72	12				
Staley	C. G. Frazier, Staley	7	70	40	12		60	5 00	1 00
Southern Pines	N. D. Wells, Southern Pines	8	35	25	12	225	73	17 25	
Union Grove	Neill Dunlap, Longleaf	7	80	50	12		50	3 50	1 35
Plank Road	John Dupree	4	64					16 00	2.00
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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

G. J. Dowell	Carthage, N. C.
L. R. Dixon	Goldston, N. C.
O. T. Edwards	Mount Vernon Springs, N. C.
W. J. Fulford	Southern Pines, N. C.
P. A. Ferguson	Lambsville, N. C.
S. W. Fuquay	Eagle Springs, N. C.
G. W. Harmon	Siler City, N. C.
S. A. Ives	Pinebluff, N. C.
W. H. H. Lawhon	Lawhon, N. C.
E. Y. Pool	Sanford, N. C.
J. L. Smith	Siler City, N. C.
D. R. Sears	Siler City, N. C.
W. H. Strickland	Sanford, N. C.
N. H. Shepherd	Okeweemee, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

L. R. Dixon	Goldston, N. C.
T. L. Chisholm	Sanford, N. C.
D. L. Webster	Siler City, N. C.
R. B. Lineberry	Pittsboro, N. C.
J. F. King	Sanford, N. C.

TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

W. H. H. Lawhon	1905
L. R. Dixon	1905
J. T. Paschal	1905
D. O. Bryan	1906
J. M. Jordan	1906
R. B. Lineberry	1906
J. W. Dark	1907
G. W. Harmon	1907
O. B. Stroud	1907

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SANDY CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Sanford, N. C., September 29th, 1904.

The Sandy Creek Baptist Association met in its 146th annual session with the Church at Sanford, Moore County.

G. J. Dowell, who was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, being absent, O. T. Edwards preached at 11 o'clock a. m.

After an intermission of one and one half hours the Association was opened with devotional exercises conducted by W. J. Fulford.

The Moderator being absent, the Clerk called the Association to order. On motion, O. T. Edwards was chosen as Moderator *pro tem.*

The letters from the churches were read by J. L. Griffin and Vander Liles, and delegates enrolled as follows :

Aberdeen—A. T. McFarland, M. Wimberly, M. J. Boling.
Bear Creek—W. B. Cheek, John Fox, I. B. Hatch.
Brush Creek—H. M. Gee, N. J. Dixon, G. W. Brooks.
Bethany—J. T. Paschal, E. D. Nall, Sr., W. A. Glass.
Bethlehem—Eli P. Seawell, J. W. Seawell, D. Hannon.
Beulah—H. C. Lambert, J. C. Caviness, M. E. Seawell.
Carthage—W. C. Petty, Chas. O. Mainor, W. H. Dupree.
Cool Springs—C. D. Groce, M. D. Stuart, B. W. Petty.
Cameron—H. T. Petty, J. R. Loving, H. C. Petty.
Deep River—W. W. Caviness, Temas Davis.
Eagle Springs—N. H. Shepherd, I. M. Sullivan, Calvin Britt.
Emmaus—J. R. Ellington, R. J. Clark, B. E. Webster.
Ephesus—M. N. Spivy, J. D. Moore, J. B. Spivy.
Fall Creek—T. B. Bray, G. A. Smith, J. W. Phillips.

Friendship—Joseph T. Seawell, H. C. Dowd, I. L. Fields.
Flint Hill—
Gum Springs—G. L. Harmon, W. A. Copeland, Oscar Bridges.
Hickory Mountain—W. J. Hackney, Monroe White, W. V. Cheek.
Jonesboro—W. I. Brooks, D. O. Bryan, Vander Liles.
Love's Creek—G. W. Womble, C. D. Poe, R. T. Teague.
May's Chapel—B. F. C. Burke, R. M. Jones, J. P. Lea.
Mechanic's Hill—No delegates; letter.
Mineral Springs—R. P. Johnson, O. B. Stroud, C. C. Cheek.
Moon's Chapel—A. J. Lane, Edwin Jordan, E. L. Vestal.
Mount Olive—Chas. E. Cheek, F. W. Russell, R. F. Andrews.
Mount Pleasant—G. R. Williams, O. H. Welsh.
New Salem—C. O. Crutchfield, B. F. Poe, J. H. Pendergrass.
Pine Grove—S. W. Fuquay, J. M. Deaton, J. H. Myrick.
Pittsboro—R. B. Lineberry, J. L. Griffin, J. M. Griffin.
Pinebluff—S. A. Ives.
Rives' Chapel—
Rock Springs—P. T. Farrell, Norman Phillips, W. A. Cooper.
Rocky River—Cicero Buckner, S. D. Brewer, W. E. Johnson.
Sandy Branch—
Sandy Creek—P. H. Frazier, E. M. Siler, E. P. Williams.
Sanford—Joseph Rogers, H. T. Moore, J. G. Foushee.
Siler City—John C. Lane, C. N. Bray, S. S. Smith.
Staley—J. W. Staley, C. G. Frazier, I. P. Frazier.
Southern Pines—J. A. Jones, W. H. Lindsey, Dr. J. A. Leslie.
Tyson's Creek—B. B. Phillips, J. J. Moon, J. L. McManus.
Union Grove—Neill Dunlap, A. L. Moody, Daniel Criscoe.

Ministers present: O. T. Edwards, L. R. Dixon, G. J. Dowell, W. J. Fulford, W. H. Strickland, E. Y. Pool, N. H. Shepherd, R. R. Moore, S. W. Fuquay, W. H. H. Lawhon, G. W. Harmon.

Visitors: J. H. Booth, of the South Yadkin Association; G. R. Underwood, of the Christian Church; S. F. Conrad, of *The North Carolina Baptist;* L. Johnson, of the State Mission Board; W. B. Owen, of the Montgomery Association; J. W. Bailey, of the *Biblical Recorder;* A. Johnson, of the Thomasville Orphanage; H. C. Moore, of the Sunday School Board; B. Townsend, of the Little River Association; Prof. J. B. Carlyle, Prof. W. R. Cullom, J. M. Holleman.

T. L. Chisholm made a speech of welcome to the Association, which was responded to by W. C. Petty.

D. O. Bryan, Treasurer of the Association, stated that he could not serve longer on account of failing eyesight. On motion, a vote of thanks was extended to him for his faithful and efficient services, and the Association also expressed its sympathy for him in his affliction.

Officers were elected as follows: Moderator, R. P. Johnson; Clerk, J. F. King; Treasurer, Vander Liles.

The Moderator *pro tem* announced the following committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Sanford Church.

Order of Business—J. M. Griffin, J. T. Paschal, N. H. Shepherd, E. D. Nall, Jr.

On motion, O. T. Edwards was appointed to notify R. P. Johnson of his election and to assist him in completing the list of committees.

On motion, adjourned. Dismissed by R. R. Moore.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at night by G. J. Dowell from Acts 1:8, and the following report on Order of Business was adopted:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Your Committee on Order of Business submit the following:

Friday—9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.
10:00 a. m.—Miscellaneous Business.
10:30 a. m.—Periodicals.
11:00 a. m.—State Missions.
12:00 m.—Prayer Meetings.
12:30 p. m.—Recess.
2:30 p. m.—Relief Board.
3:00 p. m.—Home Missions.
3:30 p. m.—Sunday Schools.
8:00 p. m.—Foreign Missions.
Saturday—9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.
10:00 a. m.—Education.
11:00 a. m.—Temperance.
11:30 a. m.—Libraries.
12:00 m.—Trustees of School.
12:30 p. m.—Recess.
2:30 p. m.—Orphanage.
3:00 p. m.—Colportage.
3:30 p. m.—Treasurer's Report.
4:40 p. m.—Auditor's Report.
4:30 p. m.—Executive Board.

J. M. Griffin,
J. T. Paschal,
N. H. Shepherd,
Committee.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The Association met at 9:30 o'clock. Religious exercises were conducted by W. H. H. Lawhon.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Letters from Deep River, Fall Creek, Love's Creek, Mineral Springs, Moon's Chapel, Mount Olive, Mount Pleasant, Rocky River, Sandy Creek, Siler City, Staley, Mechanic's Hill were read and delegates enrolled.

The report on Periodicals was read by L. R. Dixon:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

One of the most important factors in the progress of our denominational work and spiritual development of our people, is our denominational literature. The *Biblical Recorder*, which for about seventy years has contended so faithfully for the faith once delivered to the saints, is an invaluable educator in the families which read it, as it speaks with no uncertain sound on questions of doctrine and stands square against heresy and error at all times.

We also have other periodicals which are doing their part in our denominational work —*The North Carolina Baptist*, *Charity and Children*, *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Home Field*, and the Sunday school literature of our Southern Baptist Convention—all of which we recommend to our people as worthy of their support and helpful in carrying on the Lord's work and developing our spiritual growth.

As the *Biblical Recorder* is the organ of our denomination in the State, we especially recommend it to our people as essential in our work.

L. R. Dixon,
C. C. Cheek,
George W. Womble,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, speeches were made by L. R. Dixon, S. F. Conrad, A. Johnson, J. W. Bailey and R. R. Moore. Report was adopted.

On motion, O. T. Edwards was appointed to write a sketch of the life and character of G. C. Underwood.

The Moderator annouced the following committees:

Periodicals—L. R. Dixon, George W. Womble, C. C. Cheek.
State Missions—W. J. Fulford, E. L. Vestal, T. B. Bray.
Prayer Meetings—E. D. Nall, Jr., M. Wimberly, W. C. Petty.
Relief Board—W. H. Strickland, Paul Farrell, Oscar Bridges.
Home Missions—George J. Dowell, J. T. Paschal, Eli P. Seawell.

Sunday Schools—J. L. Griffin, C. D. Groce, J. R. Ellington.
Foreign Missions—E. Y. Pool, W. V. Cheek, D. O. Bryan.
Education—O. T. Edwards, B. F. C. Burke, A. J. Lane.
Temperance—N. H. Shepherd, C. N. Bray, C. D. Poe.
Libraries—R. B. Lineberry, R. T. Teague, Cicero Buckner.
Orphanage—W. H. H. Lawhon, J. G. Foushee, J. M. Deaton.
Colportage—Wm. Rogers, M. E. Seawell, B. B. Phillips.
Auditing—J. M. Griffin, Dr. O. B. Stroud, W. E. Johnson.
To Nominate Executive Board—W. H. H. Lawhon, J. W. Phillips, C. G. Frazier.
To Nominate Trustees of Associational School—O. T. Edwards, W. C. Petty, G. L. Harmon.
Place and Preacher for next Association—Delegates from First Section.
To Nominate Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—J. T. Paschal, J. F. King, R. B. Lineberry.
Committee on Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this Church.

On motion, W. H. Strickland was appointed to write a sketch of the life and character of T. M. Baldwin.

On motion, J. W. Bailey was asked to speak on Home Missions at night.

The State Mission Report was read by W. J. Fulford:

STATE MISSIONS.

The great system of State Missions, which underlies all other missions, is not of recent origin, but is as old as the gospel dispensation introduced and inaugurated by Jesus Christ himself. In Luke 24:46-48, Jesus said: "Thus it is written, that Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name unto all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. Ye are witnesses of these things." Again in Acts 1:8 we have these words: "But ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." If Jesus could be said to have displayed any one quality over another, it was His careful attention to system, both as to His own and the work of His followers. As Baptists, if we stand for anything, it is for the truth as taught in God's Word—a thus saith the Lord. By reference to the Word we find State Missions put at the base of all mission work, and that too both in the example and teaching of the Master. In His teaching He not only spoke to the individual church, but to each individual member in the church: "Son, go work today in my vineyard." Now, as each is obedient to this injunction of the Master so the work will go forward. If each Baptist in the State will give to this work as the Lord has prospered him, there will not be a destitute corner left in our State, and soon the knowledge of the Lord will cover the whole earth as the waters cover the deep. It is not methods we need, but it is means and men, and God is calling for these as never before in our history. Let us respond with the means, and God will provide the men and take care of the methods.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. J. Fulford.

On motion to adopt, W. J. Fulford and L. Johnson spoke on the report. Pledges were taken amounting to $278.00, and the report was adopted.

It was moved and carried that Education take the place of Prayer Meetings in order of business.

The Report on Education was read by O. T. Edwards:

EDUCATION.

Education is the broadening of the mind, the strengthening of the intellect, and the opening of the way for moral and religious conviction. Next to our duty to evangelize is our duty to educate. Our political and religious leaders see the need of a better educated citizenship, and are striving to make our common schools more effective and to build up high schools and colleges.

We call special attention to three institutions of learning that demand our support and most careful attention: Wake Forest College, where young men are trained to fill the most important positions in our midst or elsewhere; the Baptist University for Women, where our daughters can receive the advantages of higher education, and thus become our most noble helpers in all that is true and good; Mount Vernon Springs Academy, located at Mount Vernon. This school is the property of our own Association, and is built for the purpose of giving our youth a high preparatory training, fully equipping them for practical life or to enter any of our colleges. This school is growing in interest, and last year was the best year of its history.

O. T. Edwards,
B. F. C. Burke,
A. J. Lane,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, J. B. Carlyle spoke on the report, after which it was tabled until tomorrow.

Dismissed for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

On motion, the report on Home Missions was made a special order for 8 o'clock tonight.

On motion, the Report on Foreign Missions was taken up and was read by E. Y. Pool:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Missionary Baptist holds the Bible alone the only rule or standard of religious belief and practice. The Bible teaches the doctrine of missions as clearly as the doctrine of repentance or justification. In such passages as these the doctrine is clearly taught: "Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Psalm 2:8. "And He said unto them, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19-20. "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24:47. "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." John 17:18. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:8. "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things." Rom. 10:14:15.

Our purpose is to show the Bible teaching as our authority for missions, and whoever denies the Bible teaching of missions—foreign missions—can equally deny the Bible teaching of any other doctrine. Foreign missions, as prosecuted by the Southern Baptist Convention, has been blessed by the Lord and therefore has been eminently successful. The last report made at Nashville, Tenn., was the best in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. In 1898 the Southern Baptist Convention had seventy-six missionaries and one hundred and seventeen native helpers, an entire force of one hundred and ninety-three, and that year seven hundred and one baptisms were reported. This year (to May 1st) the Southern Baptist Convention has a force of one hundred and thirty-eight missionaries and two-hundred and fifteen native helpers, an entire force of three hundred and fifty-three workers, and two thousand and seventy-six baptisms were reported. Thus we see God's approving smile upon our workers.

The contributions of the Southern Baptist Convention reached the splendid sum of $247,629.69. This is far beyond anything ever contributed before. Of this amount North Carolina gave $17,561.15, and of the amount the Sandy Creek Association gave $261.14, which is just a little over seven cents per head.

Men and brethren, the work of evangelizing the world is just well begun; let us commit ourselves afresh to the task of giving the gospel to the world. We have been saved by the blessed Gospel of the Son of God, and will we not make a special effort to give this glorious gospel, which has done so much for us and our blessed land, to the heathen?

In behalf of the Committee,
E. Y. Pool,
W. V. Cheek.

On motion to adopt, E. Y. Pool, J. M. Deaton, L. Johnson, W. J. Fulford, O. T. Edwards, L. R. Dixon discussed the report. Pledges were taken amounting to $276.25. Report adopted.

J. L. Griffin read the report on Sunday Schools:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

No church can be fully alive without a well conducted Sunday school. The work of the Sunday school is surpassed only by the work of the pastor. A well organized and continuous Sunday school is the best agency that can be employed for the preparation of our young people for the reception of the preached word. Christ was not only a preacher, but He was a teacher of force and power, and He has commanded us to go and teach all nations. We call attention to the large number of baptisms from the Sunday schools of this Association during the past year and would therefore urge every church to interest itself in Sunday school work in order that their young people may become interested in and instructed in God's work.

The Sunday school is the church's power-house, without which it becomes weak and inactive. This Association needs a greater spirit of liberality. We should contribute more to the various objects of church work, and the Sunday school affords an excellent opportunity for instruction along this line.

J. L. Griffin,
C. D. Groce,
J. R. Ellington,
Committee.

Remarks were made on the report by H. C. Moore. On motion to adopt, further discussion was deferred till Sunday morning.

On motion, the Association adjourned. Dismissed by G. J. Dowell.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

Devotional exercises were conducted by E. Lee Fox.

The Moderator called the Association to order.

On motion by W. J. Fulford, the Orphanage was made special order for 11 o'clock tomorrow, and Temperance for 2:30 o'clock.

G. J. Dowell read the report on Home Missions:

HOME MISSIONS.

Never in its history has the Home Board had such an opportunity as it has today. Never has its work been so important. The South is already becoming noted for its aggressiveness in industrial pursuits and is the poor man's paradise. Its mines, its factories, its trucking interests, its timber industries, its mountain scenery, its health-giving climate, its life-preserving waters, its excellent schools and colleges—all these render it a land of promise and a goodly land. The Panama Canal will soon open up the most fertile and wealthy country that connects the two great hemispheres of the old and new worlds. The cities of Baltimore, Norfolk, Charleston, New Orleans, Memphis and St. Louis are the great floodgates through which flow an immense multitude which no man can number of all nations, kindred, peoples and tongues, whose unwashed robes betray the errors they are bringing of paganism, Mohammedanism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Catholocism and all other isms to paralyze the great nerve centres of influence in the numerous towns and cities of our American life, to poison the moral, social, commercial and religious conditions of our people.

Thus we find many of our own citizens deserting their farms and moving into the towns to become bread winners and wage earners in factories and foundries, shops and stores, because they can no longer control labor nor defend their daughters from the insults of designing men. The unsettled condition of the factory people makes the work of the Home Mission Board a perpetual necessity.

The trend of the people toward the towns in the great South and West fills our thoroughfares with the tramping footsteps of restless fellow beings seeking health and remunerative employment. The United States has been called the dumping ground of the world. New people are constantly pouring in. New railroads are threading their way throughout the undeveloped South and the wild and wooly West. New towns as by magic spring up in a single night. New facilities are therefore resorted to, to meet the emergency. As new factories and foundries, mills and mines, schools and colleges, rush into existence they call for our best and most liberal contributions in prayers, money, sympathies and influence, to keep the religious interest abreast of the progress of the age, in giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to the busy, moving, surging masses of our restless incoming citizenship.

Instead of going backward in our contributions, let us move up in advance of anything we have ever yet undertaken for Home Missons.

George J. Dowell,
J. T. Paschal,
E. P. Seawell,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, speeches were made by G. J. Dowell and J. W. Bailey. The report was tabled till tomorrow.

On motion the Association adjourned. Dismissed by W. J. Fulford.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association met at 9:30 o'clock, and was opened with devotional exercises by G. J. Dowell.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee to Nominate Executive Board made the following report, which was adopted:

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Committee to Nominate Executive Board recommend brethren L. R. Dixon, T. L. Chisholm, D. L. Webster, R. B. Lineberry, J. F. King.

W. H. H. Lawhon,
J. W. Phillips,
C. G. Frazier,
Committee.

The Committee to Nominate Trustees of Associational School made the following report, which was adopted:

ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

We, your Committee to Nominate Trustees of Associational School, recommend the following brethren: J. W. Dark, G. W. Harmon, O. B. Stroud.

Respectfully submitted,
O. T. Edwards,
For Committee.

The letter from Pinebluff was read and delegates enrolled.

The Report on Home Missions was taken up and pledges made amounting to $165.00. The report was adopted.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION.

The Sandy Creek Association respectfully requests the Home Board to go slowly in making appropriations for missions to the negroes, as we are not prepared to endorse such a policy.

The Report on Education was taken up and discussed by W. R. Cullom. Pledges were made amounting to $82.00 and the report was adopted.

The Report on the Orphanage was read by W. H. H. Lawhon:

ORPHANAGE.

We look upon the history of our Orphanage with peculiar pride. When we remember the excellent work of the past and the splendid reports which greet us, and the encouraging prospects of this noble institution, we feel thankful to God that He has laid this work upon our hearts.

We can refer to the present equipments of our Orphanage with real pleasure, yet its usefulness could be greatly enlarged by other provisions in this respect; the score or more of buildings are not enough to meet the demands.

The managers guard with diligence the physical welfare of the children; the sick are cared for with the tenderness of a mother; the intellectual welfare of the children is also looked after with great care; the school advantages and teaching force will compare favorably with any in the State; the religious influence is of the best type, and under such constant religious instruction we wonder not that most of the children are led to a genuine acceptance of Christ in early life. We are glad to note the forward steps of the institution with the passing years.

But we are sorry to report the prevalence of typhoid fever at the Orphanage. There have been up to this date forty-four cases—twenty-one have been discharged, two have died and twenty-one are now in the infirmary.

It is supposed that the fever was caused by a lack of sewerage, and the Board has ordered a complete system of sewerage to be put in. This will involve a large outlay, and it is hoped our churches will enlarge their contributions to meet this heavy expense.

We rejoice to report a growing interest in this great work among our people throughout the State, yet we must admit that we are only at the beginning of what we can and ought to do.

W. H. H. Lawhon,
J. M. Deaton,
J. G. Foushee,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by W. H. H. Lawhon, A. Johnson, W. C. Petty and W. B. Owen. A cash collection was taken amounting to $29.98. This money was turned over to A. Johnson. Pledges amounting to $379.75 were made. Report was adopted.

On motion, pledges were taken for a memorial window for the Orphanage amounting to $22.50.

Adjourned for dinner. Dismissed by L. R. Dixon.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Wm. Rogers offered the following report on Colportage:

COLPORTAGE.

Among the important interest of our Association the colportage work is one which should receive the support of every Baptist. It is preaching the gospel by coming in personal contact with the masses of the people. Through this means we reach a class of people which no other agency can reach. It is carrying the gospel into the homes of those who do not attend the public worship of God in our churches. It is carrying out the command of our blessed Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

To this end we would recommend that there be a committee appointed to inaugurate a plan on such a basis as may enable the Executive Board to keep a colporter continually at work in the bounds of our Association, this committee to report at the next session of this body.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Rogers,
M. E. Seawell,
B. B. Phillips,
Committee.

Remarks were made by Wm. Rogers and W. J. Fulford. The report was adopted as amended.

The Committee on Place and Preacher submitted the following report, which was adopted:

PLACE AND PREACHER.

We, your Committee on Place and Preacher, recommend Fall Creek as the place for the next session of the Association, and W. H. Strickland to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Respectfully submitted,
B. B. Phillips,
For Committee.

The Committee to Recommend Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention submitted the following:

DELEGATE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

We recommend as delegate to Southern Baptist Convention N. H. Shepherd, and G. J. Dowell alternate.

R. B. Lineberry,
J. T. Paschal,
J. F. King,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Committee on Libraries reported as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

If "reading makes a full man," and if "I am a part of what I have read," how careful we should be as to what we read and as to what we allow our children to read while their minds are in the formative period.

Any intelligent man knows that reading properly selected books is of inestimable value in mind development; how much more so in character development! As truth, which ennobles life, can come only from Him who through His Son has set before us the way, the truth and the life, we should in our Sunday schools, designed to teach the way and develop the life, secure such books as will develop the Christ character in us and fit us for life here and point the way to life hereafter.

R. B. Lineberry,
R. T. Teague,
C. Buckner,
Committee.

After remarks by R. B. Linberry the report was adopted.

The Auditing Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the Treasurer's books for 1903. We find that he received $355.15 and paid out $348.54, leaving a balance of $6.61 in the Treasurer's hands.

J. M. Griffin,
O. B. Stroud,
W. E. Johnson,
Committee.

The Committee on Relief Board submitted the following report:

AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Of all the objects of charity that present themselves to us there is none more worthy of our consideration than the aged ministers--those infirm but faithful servants of Jesus Christ. Now, brethren, we appeal to you to give of your means to this object. We are proud that our Baptist people have established a Board to receive and disburse funds for their relief. The Board has now twenty-four families on its list; counting the number of widows and children, about forty in all. The Board says it was able at its last meeting to give them $5.50 each for the next three months, which is not quite $2.00 apiece each.

Now, brethren, we ask for a larger contribution than was made last year. In this year of prosperity and plenty, when in most parts of the State God has greatly blessed us with good crops and bountiful supplies, we should do more in behalf of so worthy a cause. Let us not forget these old people and their families.

W. H. Strickland,
P. T. Farrell,
O. M. Bridges,
Committee.

W. H. Strickland, O. T. Edwards, G. J. Dowell, E. Y. Pool and J. T. Paschal spoke on the report. Pledges were taken amounting to $61.00. Report was adopted.

The Executive Board made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, your Executive Board, submit the following: We have done nothing except to recommend the appropriation of a small amount by the State Board to Eagle Springs.

L. R. DIXON,
R. B. LINEBERRY,
D. O. BRYAN,
Committee.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this town and community for their generous hospitality, and to the other denominations for the use of their church buildings.

L. R. DIXON.

Adopted.

The Report on Temperance was read by N. H. Shepherd:

TEMPERANCE.

The mission of the church in the world is to uproot sin and plant righteousness; to dethrone Satan and enthrone Christ; to pull down the kingdom of darkness and set up the kingdom of light; to despoil the wrong and crown the right; to save the wicked, but to destroy wickedness; to "overcome evil with good."

Christians may disagree upon many issues, but they can all agree upon opposition to moral evil. "Ye that love the Lord hate evil." What is the unapproachable chief of evils in this land? Against this evil all Christians are willing to unite and do their fiercest fighting. This is the great upas tree around which the atmosphere is so deleterious. Its branches are exhaling more and deadlier vices, crimes, miseries and death than any evil known to man. It is the parent of pauperism, disease, misery, crime and unhappiness.

Every friend of God and enemy of Satan should fight this giant evil from the still's mouth to the drunkard's grave, and guard against its use from the cradle up. Your Committee recommends that we as a body pledge ourselves to use our influence against its use in politics, saloon, jug or social glass, and wage incessant, unceasing warfare against this enemy of God, the church and nation.

Respectfully submitted,
N. H. SHEPHERD,
C. N. BRAY,
C. D. POE,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Sandy Creek Association is in favor of a constitutional amendment prohibiting saloons and distilleries in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. J. FULFORD.

J. W. Bailey spoke Saturday night on the subject of temperance.

The Report on Prayer Meetings was read by E. D. Nall, Jr.:

PRAYER MEETINGS.

We regard prayer meeting service as second in importance only to our preaching service, and vitally essential for our Christian growth and training.

We believe we are sadly and grievously lacking in our devotion to God—in earnest, constant prayer. In our prayer meetings each church member, and especially our young members, should have an opportunity to testify for God and offer a word of prayer.

We would urge the pastors and delegates here assembled to think more seriously of this service, and make a more earnest endeavor than ever before to establish a prayer meeting in every church and neigborhood in our Association.

E. D. Nall, Jr.,
M. Wimberly,
W. C. Petty,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by E. D. Nall, Jr., and W. J. Fulford. Report was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF CASH RECEIVED.

Minute Fund, from the Churches	$ 34.97
Sunday School Minute Fund	2.60
State Missions	66.93
Home Missions	29.79
Foreign Missions	51.07
Ministerial Education	36.29
Old Ministers' Relief	18.52
Orphanage	82.94
Sandy Creek Memorial	1.00
Other Objects	3.42
Received of D. O. Bryan, former Treasurer, for Association Minutes and Sunday School Minutes	1.61
Received of D. O. Bryan, former Treasurer, for Sandy Creek Memorial	5.00
Received of Wm. Rogers, Colporteur	11.50
Total	$345.64

Vander Liles,
October 1st, 1904. *Treasurer Sandy Creek Association.*

The report was adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that the item of "Other Objects" be added to Minute Fund.

The Report of the Associational School was read:

ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

We, the Trustees of the Associational School, bring to you words of cheer and encouragement. The school is in a prosperous condition. The local patronage is not as good as last year, but there are more boarding pupils.

Miss Lizzie Dixon, a graduate of the Baptist University for Women at Raleigh, is assistant in the literary department; Miss Daisy Brooks, who completed a course in the business department of the same institution, has charge of the business department of our school, and Miss Jennie Giddens, of the Conservatory of Music, Washington, D. C., is music teacher. Prof. R. P. Johnson, the principal, reports to us that the teachers are all doing efficient work in their respective departments, and that the boys and girls are working faithfully.

The trustees have authorized the building of an arbor on the land belonging to the school to be used for religious and educational purposes under the direction of the principal of the school, and also the building of a dormitory to be rented to the school for a club-house.

The outlook is encouraging, but we need twenty-five desks and have only $3.62 in the treasury.

J. T. Paschal,
For Board of Trustees.

Remarks were made by J. T. Paschal and R. P. Johnson, and the report was adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that the Associational School be allowed to advertise on back of minutes.

On motion, it was ordered that the Sunday School Association minutes be printed as an appendix to the regular minutes.

On motion, the Association adjourned. Dismissed by E. Y. Pool.

SUNDAY.

Sunday school mass meeting was conducted by O. B. Stroud. Speeches were made by O. B. Stroud, E. Lee Fox, G. W. Harmon, E. D. Nall, Jr., and J. W. Phillips.

W. R. Cullom preached in the Baptist Church, W. H. H. Lawhon preached in the Methodist Church, and L. R. Dixon preached in the Christian Church at 11 o'clock.

At the Baptist Church a collection was taken for ministerial education which amounted to $8.78.

O. T. Edwards preached at the Baptist Church, W. R. Cullom preached at the Methodist Church, and N. H. Shepherd preached in the Christian Church at night.

Thus closed a most pleasant and profitable session of the Association. The weather was fine and large crowds were present each day.

STATEMENT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES AND SUNBEAM SOCIETIES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1903–1904.

SOCIETIES	Number of Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Aberdeen W. M. S.	19	$ 6 95	$ 11 50	$ 11 90	$..........	$ 2 75	$ 33 10
Bethany W. M. S.	30	1 15	8 00	5 21	7 47	....	21 83
Cameron W. M. S.	20	9 50	10 00	17 00	....	....	36 50
Cameron Sunbeams	17	2 50	2 78	4 00	....	2 00	11 28
Carthage W. M. S.	....	8 30	6 20	25 55	....	4 10	44 15
Carthage Sunbeams	16	....	....	11 78	....	....	11 78
Jonesboro W. M. S.	28	6 82	5 06	6 31	....	....	18 19
Pittsboro W. M. S.	12	14 55	*48 34	12 30	....	....	75 19
Pittsboro Sunbeams	12	1 00	1 00	1 25	5 00	....	8 25
Sanford W. M. S.	....	....	....	7 41	....	....	7 41
Sanford Sunbeams	....	....	....	8 90	....	....	8 90
Siler City W. M. S.	....	10 00	8 51	21 61	....	....	40 12
Southern Pines W. M. S.	12	....	6 30	13 70	....	....	20 00
		$ 60 77	$107 69	$146 92	$ 12 47	$ 8 85	$336 70

*Box from Pittsboro W. M. S. to Home Missionary, value $33.04, included in the amount of $48.34 reported above.

SECTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

FIRST SECTION.

Brush Creek,
Mechanic's Hill,
Mount Pleasant,
Union Grove,
Moon's Chapel,
Sandy Creek,
Tyson's Creek,
Beulah,
Staley,
Fork Creek,
Deep River,
Fall Creek,
Pine Grove.

SECOND SECTION.

Emmaus,
New Salem,
Siler City,
Mount Olive,
Rocky River,
Rock Springs,
Love's Creek,
Hickory Mountain,
Pittsboro.

THIRD SECTION.

Bear Creek,
May's Chapel,
Gum Springs,
Sandy Branch,
Rives' Chapel,
Mineral Springs,
Bethany.

FOURTH SECTION.

Aberdeen,
Jonesboro,
Carthage,
Eagle Springs,
Cool Springs,
Cameron,
Flint Hill,
Friendship,
Ephesus,
Sanford,
Bethlehem,
Southern Pines,
Pinebluff.

CHURCH STATISTICS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1903–1904.

CHURCHES	Time of Preaching	PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Reported last Year
Aberdeen	3rd	J. B. Richardson, High Point	A. F. Yates, Aberdeen	1	4	.....	2	5	.....	19	33	52	55
Bear Creek	3rd	W. H. H. Lawhon, Lawhon	B. B. Stinson, Goldston	21	1	2	1	.....	3	73	118	191	176
Bethlehem	3rd Sat.	G. J. Dowell, Carthage	Daniel Hannon, Carthage	19	.....	1	1	1	7	87	140	227	221
Bethany	2nd	O. T. Edwards, Mt. Vernon Spg's	J. T. Paschal, Goldston	4	1	.....	8	.....	3	39	71	110	116
Brush Creek	1st	O. T. Edwards, Mt. Vernon Spg's	W. R. Welch, Ore Hill	.....	.....	.....	1	2	1	55	69	124	128
Beulah	1st	W. H. H. Lawhon, Lawhon	H. C. Lambert, Joseph	16	3	.....	.....	1	2	49	48	97	84
Cameron	1st	G. J. Dowell, Carthage	C. C. Jones, Cameron	12	5	.....	4	.....	.....	26	36	62	48
Cool Springs	2nd	W. H. H. Lawhon, Lawhon	J. F. King, Sanford	2	2	.....	7	.....	2	23	40	63	68
Carthage	3rd	G. J. Dowell, Carthage	C. O. Manor, Carthage	4	6	.....	11	1	.....	38	41	79	81
Deep River	3rd	W. H. Strickland, Sanford	Miss C. L. Davis, Coleridge	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	4	17	21	30
Eagle Springs	2nd	N. H. Shepherd, Okeewemee	S. A. Britt, Eagle Springs	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	14	25	20
Emmaus	2nd	L. R. Dixon, Goldston	G. M. Clark, Hadley's	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	54	72	126	124
Ephesus	4th	Wm. Rogers, Cameron	T. J. Savage, Villanow	1	3	.....	4	.....	.....	12	11	23	22
Fall Creek	3rd	J. L. Smith, Siler City	S. G Brady, Fall Creek	31	.....	2	7	.....	4	119	132	251	255
Friendship	1st	J. J. Payseur, Carthage	N. J. Muse. Mooshaunee	5	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	21	39	60	.....
Flint Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gum Springs	3rd	O. T. Edwards, Mt. Vernon Spg's	M. T. Wilkie, Moncure	7	3	1	5	1	.....	72	115	187	182
Hickory Mountain	3rd	L. R. Dixon, Goldston	N. B. Justice, Kimbolton	15	7	.....	1	.....	.....	48	42	90	69
Jonesboro	4th	G. J. Dowell, Carthage	D. O. Bryan, Jonesboro	4	4	.....	1	.....	.....	39	55	94	87
Love's Creek	4th	O. T. Edwards, Mt. Vernon Sp'gs	J. J. D. Hackney, Siler City	8	5	.....	2	1	1	69	126	195	181
May's Chapel	1st	W. G. Hurste, Mandale	J. M. Burke, Goldston	5	2	2	.....	.....	2	43	63	106	107
Mineral Springs	1st	O. T. Edwards, Mt. Vernon Sp'gs	J. C. Dowd, Mt. Vernon Springs	11	5	.....	1	.....	1	30	42	72	58
Moon's Chapel	1st	J. L. Smith, Siler City	E. L. Vestal	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	44	67	64
Mechanic's Hill	.....	W. H. H. Lawhon, Lawhon	J. R. Maness, Maness	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	25	38	63	62
Mount Olive	4th	L. R. Dixon, Goldston	S. M. Lewis, Mandale	6	3	1	.....	1	2	60	89	149	140
Mount Pleasant	1st	W. H. Eller, Greensboro	G. R. Williams, Staley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	6	26	32	34
New Salem	4th	W. T. Hurste, Mandale.	E. L. Perry, Bynum	2	1	.....	1	1	.....	11	28	39	38
Pine Grove	4th	W. H. Strickland, Sanford	B. Deaton, Swinton	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	22	21	43	28
Pinebluff	.....	S. A. Ives, Pinebluff	F. T. Spinney, Pinebluff	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	9
Pittsboro	3rd	E. Y. Pool, Sanford	J. W. Moore, Pittsboro	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	18	25	43	49
Rives' Chapel	1st	L. R. Dixon, Goldston	R. J. Watson, Rives' Chapel	.....	.....	2	2	1	3	51	71	122	126
Rock Springs	.....	E. Y. Pool, Sanford	P. T. Farrell, Pittsboro	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	2	18	26	44	46
Rocky River	2nd	G. W. Harmon, Siler City	J. W. Teague, Simmon Grove	10	1	.....	1	2	3	41	51	97	93
Sandy Branch	4th	J. L. Smith, Siler City	George W. Blalock, Causey	4	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	61	74	135	136
Sandy Creek	3rd	G. W. Harmon, Siler City	E. M. Siler, Kildee	15	1	1	1	4	.....	25	56	81	70
Sanford	1, 2, 4	E. Y. Pool, Sanford	W. A. Chisholm, Sanford	5	15	.....	13	....	2	47	72	119	111
Siler City	2nd	G. J. Dowell, Carthage	S. S. Smith, Siler City	2	.....	.....	4	5	3	31	51	82	92
Staley	1st	J. L. Smith, Siler City	J. P. Frazier, Staley	.....	6	.....	2	.....	.....	9	9	18	14
Southern Pines	1, 2, 3, 4	W. J. Fulford, Southern Pines	G. H. Sadelson, Southern Pines	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	15	26	25
Tyson's Creek	4th	W. H. H. Lawhon, Lawhon	L. Moon, Harper's Crossroads	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	19	41	60	66
Union Grove	1st	W. H. Strickland, Sanford	G. F. Garner, Whynot	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	53	109	162	165

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salar	Building and Repairin	Incidentals	Sunday Scho Expens	State Missio	Home Missio	Foreign Missio	Sunday Scho Missio	Orphanage	Colleges and School	Ministerial Educatio	Old Ministers Relie	Minute Fund	Other Object	Total
Aberdeen	$ 165 00	$ 3 70	$ 13 43	$ 20 62	$ 18 95	$ 15 83	$ 17 82	$...	$ 26 45	$...	$ 2 00	$ 3 85	$ 75	$ 39 85	$ 328 25
Bear Creek	75 00	...	...	3 88	8 00	5 00	9 00	...	10 00	...	2 00	1 00	1 25	7 50	122 63
Bethlehem	100 00	...	...	7 25	6 00	5 00	5 00	...	5 00	...	2 00	...	1 10	20 82	152 17
Bethany	90 00	...	...	11 47	8 56	13 00	13 21	...	11 52	...	2 87	1 65	1 35	81 95	235 58
Brush Creek	80 00	...	...	3 25	6 40	5 00	6 00	...	5 00	...	2 00	1 57	1 25	50 00	157 22
Beulah	...	100 00	...	...	2 00	1 00	2 00	...	2 00	...	1 00	1 00	1 08	13 00	123 08
Cameron	200 00	30 00	1 00	23 67	32 75	32 78	53 12	1 00	74 95	...	3 00	4 00	1 25	11 00	469 52
Cool Springs	60 00	...	11 25	...	4 00	2 00	5 00	...	6 00	...	2 00	1 32	1 00	...	92 57
Carthage	200 00	...	75 00	31 50	28 30	16 20	40 55	...	38 41	...	5 00	3 00	1 00	108 88	547 84
Deep River	30 00	5 00	...	3 00	1 00	...	1 00	...	1 00	...	...	...	50	...	41 50
Eagle Springs	75 00	400 00	7 50	4 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	...	2 00	...	1 00	1 00	40	9 76	504 66
Emmaus	75 00	...	...	...	3 45	2 75	4 15	...	...	1 05	1 00	2 50	85	...	92 55
Ephesus	20 00	...	1 20	1 73	1 00	50	50	...	3 50	...	...	60	1 00	1 10	31 13
Fall Creek	75 00	...	16 00	3 00	5 00	3 80	5 82	...	5 00	2 42	2 00	1 00	1 19	1 42	121 65
Friendship	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 05	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	3 55
Flint Hill	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gum Springs	100 00	...	75 00	5 00	7 50	5 00	10 00	...	7 50	...	7 50	1 00	1 20	...	219 70
Hickory Mountain	80 00	60 00	...	6 00	4 00	3 10	4 00	1 19	5 50	...	1 00	1 50	1 25	75	168 29
Jonesboro	200 00	...	38 90	26 00	13 00	12 30	13 00	...	10 00	...	5 00	2 00	1 75	10 00	331 95
Love's Creek	100 00	...	...	...	10 20	6 75	11 00	...	11 00	...	2 00	2 00	2 10	11 30	156 35
May's Chapel	80 00	60 00	...	...	6 11	4 00	5 65	...	5 00	...	2 00	1 00	1 00	...	164 76
Mineral Springs	40 00	200 00	...	6 00	5 00	1 54	3 08	...	5 00	...	2 00	1 00	1 30	...	264 92
Moon's Chapel	...	...	...	...	...	2 00	2 00	...	5 00	...	2 00	...	50	...	11 50
Mechanics' Hill	...	...	...	...	1 00	50	1 00	...	2 00	...	...	50	25	...	5 25
Mount Olive	90 00	...	...	15 00	5 00	1 50	4 95	...	6 39	...	1 00	1 00	1 00	...	125 85
Mount Pleasant	...	...	...	...	...	...	86	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 30	5 16
New Salem	30 00	...	...	1 54	2 00	...	1 00	...	1 00	...	1 00	...	75	...	37 29
Pine Grove	50 00	...	...	...	50	1 00	1 00	...	1 00	...	...	1 00	65	...	55 15
Pinebluff	...	...	220 52	18 09	...	1 00	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	50	5 75	246 86
Pittsboro	200 00	33 10	12 30	16 69	33 52	60 92	32 16	1 00	30 00	...	7 90	4 00	1 00	17 60	450 19
Rives' Chapel	80 00	...	...	5 40	5 25	1 80	5 40	...	2 73	...	1 07	1 00	95	18 20	121 80
Rock Springs	...	...	...	2 25	1 00	...	5 00	...	...	...	1 00	...	50	...	9 75
Rocky River	50 00	...	...	5 00	3 30	3 27	5 55	...	9 50	...	2 30	1 60	1 25	2 00	82 42
Sandy Branch	40 00	...	10 00	3 03	2 50	3 00	2 00	...	12 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 65	1 00	78 68
Sandy Creek	40 00	61 50	...	3 11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	...	105 26
Sanford	600 00	181 61	39 61	38 09	30 00	12 00	43 96	...	22 92	...	6 00	4 46	1 25	36 00	1015 90
Siler City	200 00	...	90 00	...	25 00	18 51	35 00	...	17 00	...	6 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	399 51
Staley	...	...	...	5 00	2 00	1 00	1 27	...	4 43	...	1 00	50	50	40	16 10
Southern Pines	383 35	658 47	55 00	20 48	12 00	6 30	17 70	...	7 67	10 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	7 25	1183 23
Tyson's Creek	50 00	...	...	2 50	7 00	3 00	6 00	...	11 25	...	1 00	1 00	65	...	82 40
Union Grove	60 00	15 00	1 00	7 20	1 00	...	1 20	...	2 20	...	50	...	50	...	88 60
Total	$2718 35	$1808 38	$ 667 71	$ 299 75	$ 304 29	$ 252 35	$ 381 00	$ 3 19	$ 369 92	$ 14 97	$ 79 14	$ 51 05	$ 27 62	$ 174 83	$8449 77

The above includes also the amounts sent up with the letters, and is a statement of the *total* contributions of each church, by the various agencies and methods, during the entire associational year.

PLEDGES OF CHURCHES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1904-1905.

CHURCHES	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministers' Relief	Memorial Window
Aberdeen	$ 20 00	2 00	15 00	7 50	10 00	2 50	2 00
Bear Creek	15 00	2 00	10 00	12 00	5 00	2 00	1 00
Bethany	12 00	2 00	8 00	8 00	5 00	1 00	2 00
Bethlehem	7 00	2 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	1 00
Brush Creek	7 50	3 00	7 50	10 00	5 00	2 00	2 50
Beulah	2 25	1 00	2 50	2 25	1 00	1 00	....
Carthage	30 00	5 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	....
Cool Springs	10 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	....
Cameron	60 00	5 00	30 00	30 00	20 00	5 00	....
Deep River	1 00	....	1 00	1 00	50	....	....
Eagle Springs	3 00	2 50	3 00	2 50	1 50	1 50	1 00
Emmaus	5 00	1 50	4 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	1 00
Ephesus	1 00	50	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	....
Fall Creek	5 00	2 00	6 00	6 00	3 00	2 00	....
Flint Hill	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Friendship	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Fork Creek	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Gum Springs	8 00	7 50	8 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	....
Hickory Mountain	7 50	1 50	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Jonesboro	15 00	5 00	12 00	12 00	10 00	4 00	....
Love's Creek	12 00	2 00	10 00	15 00	6 00	2 00	....
May's Chapel	7 50	2 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00
Mechanic's Hill	2 00	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mineral Springs	7 50	3 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	2 00	2 00
Moon's Chapel	7 50	2 00	2 50	3 00	2 50	1 00	....
Mount Olive	5 00	1 00	5 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	....
Mount Pleasant	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....
New Salem	1 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	50	....	....
Pine Grove	2 50	....	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	....
Pittsboro	30 00	7 00	32 50	32 50	30 00	5 00	5 00
Pinebluff	....	....	5 00	....	....	....	....
Rives' Chapel	5 00	1 00	1 00	7 00	2 00	1 00	....
Rock Springs	1 00	....	1 00	2 00	1 00	....	....
Rocky River	5 00	1 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	1 00
Sandy Branch	2 00	1 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	....	....
Sandy Creek	1 00	....	1 00	1 00	1 00	....	....
Sanford	40 00	6 00	35 00	20 00	10 00	5 00	....
Siler City	20 00	6 00	10 00	15 00	10 00	2 00	....
Staley	1 00	....	2 00	1 00	1 00	50	....
Southern Pines	10 00	2 00	12 00	15 00	5 00	2 00	....
Tyson's Creek	6 00	2 00	7 50	6 00	3 00	1 00	....
Union Grove	3 00	1 00	2 50	2 50	1 00	2 00	....
Total	$379 75	$ 82 00	$278 00	$276 25	$165 00	$ 61 00	$ 22 50

Constitution of Sandy Creek Baptist Association.

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of members not exceeding three in number from each Church, chosen by the different Churches in our union, together with such ordained ministers as may hold their membership with Churches belonging to this Association.

Art. 2. The application of any Church for membership shall be referred to a committee, who shall examine its Church Covenant and Articles of Faith, and upon favorable report may be admitted as a constituent member of this body.

Art. 3. In letters from the different Churches shall be expressed the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and has died since last Association; also the total number in fellowship, together with the contributions forwarded.

Art. 4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any Church belonging to the union, *but shall sit only as an advisory council.*

Art. 5. The Association shall elect a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, annually, by the suffrages of members present; a majority of the ballots cast being necessary to decide the choice.

Art. 6. There shall be appointed by the Association at each annual session an Executive Board, to consist of five members, whose duty shall be to solicit funds for the support of a missionary or missionaries, to labor in such destitute portions of the Association as they may designate, and to disburse such funds as may be sent up to the Association for this purpose, drawing upon the Treasurer of the Association for any amount in his hands for this field of labor. It shall also be their duty upon the death of any of their members, or of the Treasurer of the Association, to fill such vacancies.

Art. 7. The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any church in her union who shall knowingly and wilfully violate the Constitution, or depart from the orthodox principles of religion.

Art. 8. Amendments to this Constitution shall be made only by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the Association present.

The following resolution was passed at the 128th annual sesion at Mount Olive, Chatham County, September, 1886:

Resolved, That the ordained Baptist ministers present at each session of this Association be, and they are, hereby appointed a presbytery for the purpose of examining into and passing upon the qualifications and fitness for the gospel ministry all such candidates as the Churches may from time to time recommend (by letter) to this Association for ordination."

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

The Association met May 27th, 1904, in the fifteenth annual session with the Church at Hickory Mountain, Chatham County, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. G. J. Dowell from Psalms 37:37.

Sunday schools of the following churches were represented:

Brush Creek—E. M. Edwards.
Bethany—C. R. Jordan, Mrs. L. J. Jordan, L. R. Dixon.
Carthage—G. J. Dowell, David Womble.
Eagle Springs—N. H. Shepherd, J. A. Desern, S. A. Britt.
Emmaus—B. E. Moody, G. M. Clark, A. E. Johnson.
Hickory Mountain—W. J. Hackney, R. S. Clark, E. V. Straughan.
Love's Creek—R. D. Smith, J. Q. Smith.
May's Chapel—C. V. Johnson, Miss Dehlia Vestal, Miss Mattie Harward.
Mineral Springs—R. P. Johnson.
Mount Olive—E. L. Russell, W. S. Thomas, Miss Cassie Andrews.
Pittsboro—R. B. Lineberry, Miss Cornelia Foushee.
Rives' Chapel—W. T. Brooks, Charlie Holt.
Rocky River—Cicero Buckner, Willie Johnson.
Sandy Branch—G. W. Blalock, C. W. Womble, T. G. Ivey.
Siler City—H. O. Vestal, J. R. Dorsett.
Tyson's Creek—C. R. Scott, J. L. McManus, J. J. Moon.

Ministers present: O. T. Edwards, G. J. Dowell, R. R. Moore, L. R. Dixon, J. L. Smith, N. H. Shepherd, G. W. Harmon.

Superintendents of Sunday Schools present—D. L. Webster, O. L. Dorsett, Mark Smith, R. P. Ellington, C. N. Justice, Charlie Forrester.

The Association organized by electing L. R. Dixon Moderator, and R. B. Lineberry Secretary and Treasurer.

Revs. L. R. Dixon, O. T. Edwards and G. J. Dowell each reported good live Sunday schools in each of their churches.

Brethren O. L. Jones, O. D. Jones and Cicero Andrews are recognized as visitors from Mount Zion Association.

The programme as published in *Biblical Recorder* was adopted.

"Difficulties we have solved," was discussed by R. B. Lineberry and D. L. Webster. Answer: Invite them to come, let children sing, questions requiring Bible readings, give tests, practical questions, pray for scholars.

"Some difficulties yet in the way," was discussed by R. P. Johnson and G. J. Dowell. Answer: Many church members are not interested in the work.

"Good results from our work," was discussed by R. R. Moore.

Committee on Place and Preacher for next Association: H. R. Harward, G. M. Clark, E. M. Edwards.

Committee on Printing Minutes: O. T. Edwards, R. B. Lineberry, H. O. Vestal.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted at 9:30 o'clock by R. R. Moore. D. L. Webster offered the following query, which was accepted: "Should the contributions taken up in Sunday schools go to missions?"

Pastor and deacons of Hickory Mountain Church are appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises.

"Benefits of Sunday School Work," was discussed by O. T. Edwards, R. D. Smith, T. J. Dark and G. J. Dowell. Answer: Building up Christians and a great means of saving the unconverted.

"Christ the Great Teacher; His Characteristics as a Teacher; His methods; Some results of His teaching," was discussed by O. T. Edwards, J. L. Smith, R. B. Lineberry, R. R. Moore, T. J. Dark and R. D. Smith. Answer: He knew God's will and the purpose of His life; He loved the people, sympathized with them and prayed for them; He taught with authority in intelligible words on all occasions and by example.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

PLACE AND PREACHER.

Your Committee recommend Mineral Springs Church, with N. H. Shepherd to preach Introductory Sermon.

H. R. Harward,
E. M. Edwards,
G. M. Clark,
Committee.

Report adopted.

PRINTING MINUTES.

Your Committee recommend that minutes be printed as an appendix to minutes of Sandy Creek Association and that funds be sent by Sunday Schools to help pay expenses of printing. We also recommend that Constitution be printed in minutes.

O. T. Edwards,
R. B. Lineberry,
H. O. Vestal,
Committee.

Adopted.

"Sunday school teachers we want, the need and demand, the kind wanted, the equipment they should have, where they are to come from," was discussed by G. J. Dowell and L. R. Dixon. Answer: Wanted, Christian teachers, punctual and efficient; the need great and imperative; teacher should be warm-hearted and sympathetic; should have room and all helps possible from S. B. Publishing Society.

"What is the pastor's relation to the Sunday school and how can he promote its efficiency," was discussed by R. B. Lineberry, N. H. Shepherd, O. T. Edwards, J. L. Smith. Answer: He is shepherd of the church of which the Sunday school is the working part, and He should use the Sunday school to inform himself and through it put his flock to work.

"Other officers, who they are and what may be expected of them," was discussed by G. J. Dowell.

Other discussion of programme postponed till Sunday morning in mass meeting.

H. O. Vestal offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered to the people of the community for their generous hospitality.

SUNDAY.

Religious exercises were conducted by G. W. Harmon.

"The superintendent; the kind of a mán he ought to be, and what his duties are," was discussed by O. T. Edwards, G. W. Harmon, D. F. Andrews, N. H. Shepherd and L. R. Dixon.

G. J. Dowell preached at 11 o'clock a. m. from 2nd Corinthians 8:9, and N. H. Shepherd in old church at the same hour from Exodus 22:12 and Proverbs 22:6.

Collection was taken for the Baptist Orphanage amounting to $6.25.

Thus closed the most interesting session, perhaps, the body has ever enjoyed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1903-1904.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Enrolled	Average Attendance	Months Kept Open	Volumes in Library	Quarterlies Taken	School Expenses	Other Objects
Aberdeen	M. J. Bolling, Aberdeen	5	35	20	12		80	$ 20 62	$ 7 50
Bear Creek	Gaston Lloyd, Bear Creek	8	70	45	9		69	3 88	
Bethlehem	Daniel Hannon, Carthage	11	70	50	12	50	75	7 25	
Bethany	J. T. Paschal, Goldston	6	32	27	12		63	11 47	1 25
Brush Creek	Charlie Forrester, Ore Hill	7	68	50	4		60	3 25	
Beulah	H. B. Lambert, Joseph	11	67	40	8				
Cameron	Chas. C. Jones, Cameron	12	70	44	12	100	130	23 67	67 55
Carthage	W. C. Petty, Carthage	8	64	50	12	125	124	31 50	20 41
Cool Springs									
Deep River	M. M. Caviness, Coleridge	4	40	25	6			2 00	
Eagle Springs	W. T. Blake, Eagle Springs	5	36	20	12		50	4 00	
Emmaus	C. N. Justice, Hadley	7	121	73	9		116		
Ephesus	T. J. Savage, Villanow	4	20	13	12	40	15	1 73	2 70
Fall Creek	T. B. Bray, Fall Creek	14	89	80	6		105	3 00	
Friendship	N. J. Muse, Mooshaunee	5	60	40	8		60		
Flint Hill									
Gum Springs	C. E. Lasater, Lockville	5	50	3	12		50	5 00	
Hickory Mountain	E. V. Straughan, Siler City	7	116	58	12	50	200	6 00	
Jonesboro	S. N. Liles, Jonesboro	9	50	30	12	124	75	26 00	5 57
Love's Creek	G. W. Womble, Siler City	5	49	25					25
May's Chapel	N. A. Gilmore, Tysor's Mills	7	45		12		40		
Mechanic's Hill									
Mineral Springs	Dr. O. B. Stroud, Ore Hill	5	55	30	12		90	6 00	
Moon's Chapel									
Mount Olive	E. D. Andrews, Mandale	10	128	80	12		100	15 00	
Mount Pleasant									
New Salem	H. M. Perry, Bynum	5	41	23	6		65	1 54	
Pine Grove									
Pinebluff	Mrs. J. E. Spinney, Pinebluff	5	25	14		200		13 54	
Pittsboro	J. L. Griffin, Pittsboro	6	44	40	12	60	70	16 69	6 00
Rives' Chapel	R. J. Watson, Rives' Chapel	8	108	50	9		75	5 40	1 13
Rock Springs	P. T. Farrell, Pittsboro	5	25	25	9		40	2 25	
Rocky River	Cicero Buckner, Simmon Grove	6	61	35	12		62	5 00	
Sandy Branch	B. B. Webster, Causey	8	65	35	9		144	3 03	
Sandy Creek	G. M. York, Kildee	6	60	40				1 11	
Sanford	E. D. Nall, Sanford	10	100	92	12		250	38 09	23 92
Siler City	D. L. Webster, Siler City	9	111	58	12	50	181	30 50	
Staley	C. G. Frazier, Staley	7	82	30	12		62	5 00	1 81
Southern Pines	N. D. Wells, Southern Pines	5	35	25	12	225	60	20 48	
Tyson's Creek	B. B. Phillips, Bear Creek	4	40	25	12		30	2 50	
Union Grove	Neill Dunlap, Longleaf	7	80	55	9		90	7 20	

Constitution of Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be denominated and known as the Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom in the prosecution of the Sunday school work.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of brethren or sisters chosen by the Sunday schools connected with it, each school being entitled to three delegates. Ministers who are members or pastors of churches connected with the schools of this body shall be considered members *ex-officio*.

ART. 4. The delegates from each school shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, give a full account of the condition of the school (as required in the blanks) and a statement of all the funds contributed by the school during the past year.

ART. 5. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, and a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce order, appoint committees, decide questions of order, etc., and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the schools.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the schools or collected during the session of the body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association, and make an annual report of his work to the body.

ART. 9. The Association shall annually appoint an Executive Committee of five members, which shall have the superintendence of the Sunday School Associational Mission Work, Colportage, Baptist Orphanage and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association.

ART. 10. Any Sunday school desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose.

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ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached during each session an introductory sermon, also an annual sermon on Sunday.

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O. T. Edwards	Mount Vernon Springs, N. C.
W. J. Fulford	Southern Pines, N. C.
P. A. Ferguson	Lambsville, N. C.
S. W. Fuquay	Eagle Springs, N. C.
G. W. Harmon	Sanford, N. C.
J. M. Henly	R. F. D. No. 3, Sanford, N. C.
S. A. Ives	Pinebluff, N. C.
W. H. H. Lawhon	R. F. D. No. 1, Carthage, N. C.
J. W. Little	Sanford, N. C.
R. R. Moore	Mount Vernon Springs, N. C.
E. Y. Pool	Sanford, N. C.
J. L. Smith	Siler City, N. C.
D. R. Sears	Siler City, N. C.
N. H. Shepherd	Lindhurst, N. C.
A. K. Scotten	Coleridge, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

W. H. H. Lawhon	1908
L. R. Dixon	1908
R. P. Johnson	1908
J. W. Dark	1907
G. W. Harmon	1907
O. B. Stroud	1907
D. O. Bryan	1906
J. M. Jordan	1906
R. B. Lineberry	1906

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SANDY CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Fall Creek, N. C., September 28th, 1905.

The Sandy Creek Baptist Association met in its 147th annual session with the Church at Fall Creek, Chatham County.

W. A. Strickland, who was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, being absent, O. T. Edwards preached from the subject, "How to Better the Church in Giving." Text, Acts 20: 35.

After an intermission of one hour, the Association was opened with devotional exercises by W. H. H. Lawhon.

The Moderator called the Association to order. The letters from the churches were read by E. Y. Pool and N. H. Shepherd, and delegates were enrolled as follows:

Aberdeen—Letter, no delegate.
Bear Creek—Thos. D. Brooks, G. M. Andrews, Hugh Smith.
Brush Creek—A. R. Ellis, Lemuel Smith, J. T. Brooks.
Bethany—D. E. Murchison, R. L. Oldham, J. J. Fields.
Bethlehem—D. J. Dupree, J. S. Barrett, E. P. Seawell.
Beulah—J. L. Purvis, H. B. Lambert, E. W. Kidd.
Carthage—C. O. Manor, W. W. Fry.
Cool Springs—C. D. Groce, A. M. Newell, R. A. Groce.
Cameron—C. H. Teague, J. I. Stutts, E. P. Pierce.
Deep River—W. M. Caviness, Jones Davis, John Davis.
Eagle Springs—J. A. Desern, I. M. Sullivan, W. H. Fry.
Emmaus—Clarence Webster, J. E. Clark, Willie Clark.
Ephesus—J. B. Spivey, N. A. Spivey, T. J. Savage.
Fall Creek—C. E. Brewer, R. W. Kidd, M. L. Nall.
Friendship—J. T. Seawell, J. H. Fields, N. J. Muse.
Fork Creek—Not represented.
Flint Hill—Not represented.
Gum Springs—W. D. Thomas, C. D. Wilkie, S. J. Harmon.
Hickory Mountain—W. J. Hackney, B. F. White, Rufus Clarke.
Jonesboro—Vander Liles, J. D. Register, D. O. Bryan.
Love's Creek—J. L. Gilliland, W. D. Teague, Talmage Siler.
May's Chapel—Norton Perry, W. A. Roberson, J. H. Burke.
Mechanics' Hill—J. R. Maness, J. F. Pool, Eli Maness.
Mineral Springs—W. A. Jones, R. P. Johnson, J. A. Dowd.

Moon's Chapel—H. H. Jordan, Thos. G. Lane, J. T. Smith.
Mount Olive—R. P. Ellington, R. F. Andrews, W. T. Walters.
Mount Pleasant—James Williams, O. H. Welch, Clyde Welch.
New Salem—E. L. Perry, C. O. Crutchfield, J. H. Pendergrass.
Pine Grove—S. W. Fuquay, M. Myrick.
Pittsboro—R. B. Lineberry, J. L. Griffin, R. P. Eubanks.
Pinebluff—Letter, no delegates.
Rives' Chapel—T. J. Darke, W. S. Dowd, J. Q. Carter.
Rock Springs—O. T. Cooper, Walker Eubanks, P. T. Farrell.
Rocky River—W. A. Duncan, S. D. Brewer, John W. Teague.
Sandy Branch—D. M. Womble, S. Womble, I. H. Dunlap.
Sanford—E. D. Nall, Joseph Rogers, W. S. Temple.
Sandy Creek—D. C. York, Cleveland Williams, G. P. Frazier.
Siler City—H. O. Vestal, J. C. Lane, F. F. Overman.
Staley—C. G. Frazier, C. T. Fox, H. L. Staley.
Biscoe—W. M. Bostick, W. C. Wright, B. D. Drake.
Southern Pines—Letter to hand after Association.
Tyson's Creek—E. Welch, B. B. Phillips, J. H. Kidd.
Union Grove—W. L. Stutts, Neill Dunlap, J. S. Hancock.

Ministers present: O. T. Edwards, L. R. Dixon, W. H. H. Lawhon, E. Y. Pool, N. H. Shepherd, J. L. Smith, R. R. Moore, J. W. Little, G. J. Dowell, G. W. Harmon.

Visitors present: T. D. Hackney, Neuse Association; W. M. Bostick, Montgomery Association; H. A. Rowe, South Yadkin Association; A. Johnson, of the Orphanage.

On motion of E. Y. Pool, the rules were suspended and the Clerk instructed to cast the vote of the body for R. P. Johnson for Moderator. On motion of L. R. Dixon, E. Y. Pool was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for J. F. King for Clerk, and the Clerk was instructed to cast the vote of the body for Vander Liles for Treasurer.

T. B. Bray gave the Association a very warm welcome, which was responded to by O. T. Edwards.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Periodicals—R. B. Lineberry, R. R. Moore, Thos. T. Brooks.
State Missions—O. T. Edwards, W. D. Teague, E. P. Seawell.
Education—E. Y. Pool, B. F. White, J. A. Jones.
Foreign Missions—G. J. Dowell, A. R. Ellis, H. B. Lambeth.
Sunday Schools—N. H. Shepherd, John C. Lane, P. T. Farrell.
Home Missions—W. H. H. Lawhon, D. O. Bryan, R. P. Eubanks.
Orphanage—L. R. Dixon, Vander Liles, N. J. Muse.
Colportage—G. W. Harmon, W. J. Hackney, E. L. Perry.
Sunday School Libraries—J. L. Griffin, T. J. Dark, Thos. H. Lane.
Aged Ministers' Relief—R. F. Andrews, W. A. Duncan, E. P. Pierce.
Temperance—J. L. Smith, R. P. Ellington, E. D. Nall, Jr.
Prayer Meetings—Joseph Rogers, C. G. Frazier, J. E. Clark.
Order of Business—W. H. H. Lawhon, J. L. Griffin, C. D. Groce.
Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of Fall Creek Church.

On motion the Association adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. Dismissed by W. H. H. Lawhon.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. W. Little.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Letters from Gum Springs, Mount Pleasant and Sandy Creek were read and delegates enrolled.

The Committee on Order of Business made the following report, which was adopted:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Your Committee on Order of Business submits the following:

Friday—9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.
10:00 a. m.—Miscellaneous Business.
10:15 a. m.—Periodicals.
10:45 a. m.—Orphanage.
11:30 a. m.—Relief Board.
12:00 m. —Prayer Meetings.
12:30 p. m.—Recess.
2:00 p. m.—Sunday Schools.
2:20 p. m.—Foreign Missions.
3:00 p. m.—State Missions.
3:40 p. m.—Temperance.
Saturday—9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.
10:00 a. m.—Trustees of School.
10:20 a. m.—Home Missions.
11:00 a. m.—Education.
Recess.
2:00 p. m.—Miscellaneous Business.
2:30 p. m.—Colportage.
2:45 p. m.—Libraries.
3:00 p. m.—Executive Board.
3:20 p. m.—Treasurer's Report.
3:30 p. m.—Auditor's Report.

W. H. H. Lawhon,
J. L. Griffin,
C. D. Groce,
Committee.

Miscellaneous business was taken up, and W. H. H. Lawhon read the following sketch of the life of Rev. T. M. Baldwin, which was adopted:

SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF REV. T. M. BALDWIN.

Rev. Tryon McFarland Baldwin was the son of Ausbon and Mary Baldwin, and was born April 4th, 1837. He professed religion in early life and joined the Missionary Baptist Church at Cedar Falls, in Randolph County, and commenced his life work as a Christian. Some time in the sixties he moved to Moore County.

On the first Sabbath in July, 1867, a presbytery was called at Mechanics' Hill Church, in the Sandy Creek Association, consisting of

Rev. J. B. Richardson and Rev. P. M. Baldwin, and they ordained him to the full work of the gospel ministry. Some time after his ordination he moved back to Randolph County and preached to the following churches in that county, viz.: Cedar Falls, Shady Grove, Columbia, Deep River, Cross Roads and Mount Pleasant. In Chatham County he was pastor of Moon's Chapel, Brush Creek, Tyson's Creek and Fall Creek. In March, 1885, he moved back to Moore and afterwards preached to the following churches in that county, viz.: Mechanics' Hill, Friendship, Bethlehem, Dover and Pine Grove, and in Alamance to Mount Zion, and in Richmond County to Saron. He was the pastor of two churches when he died, on the 26th day of March, 1903.

He was married to Molsey Susannah Cameron the 21st day of December, 1856, and there were born to them four children, three sons and one daughter, all now living.

He organized three churches in the course of his ministry: Deep River, Tyson's Creek and Pine Grove. He tried to keep the scripture proverb, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," for when he preached he preached with all his zeal, and when he worked he did it with his might and made a handsome living in this world.

J. M. Deaton.

O. T. Edwards read the following sketch of the life of Dr. Geo. C. Underwood, which was adopted:

IN MEMORIAM.

Dr. Geo. C. Underwood was born September 4, 1835, and died at Asheboro October 26th, 1903. He was buried near Marley's Mills, Moon's Chapel Baptist Church, of which he was a leading member and deacon since his youth. He had been in very feeble health for the past year, so he decided to move to Asheboro, where his two sons were doing business.

He married Callie Brower, daughter of Alfred Brower, one of the best families on Brush Creek. He was reared in the quiet and virtuous home of Thomas Marley as an adopted son.

He had a good disposition by nature, which was braced by the home training of industry, honesty, and a morally instructed conscience. Converted when young, he joined Moon's Chapel Church. He had strong faith in his Redeemer, and frequently talked and labored for His cause, both publicly and privately, and the religious interest of his church lay heavily on his heart.

He was educated above the average man of his day. A teacher in books and morals, he was one of the best men that I ever knew. Many parents have wished their children to pattern after him. He started several indigent young men on a useful career, giving them private lessons at his own home. It seemed to be his delight to help some one, to lift the mind to a wider sphere, and elevate the soul to Christ. His advice and counsel were sought at church and by his neighbors, and he was frequently sent as a delegate to the Associations.

He was a true man, pious and peaceable at home, constant and active at church, and in his death the country loses one of its best citizens and the church an active and prayerful member and deacon.

Dr. Underwood worked in a printing office in Asheboro, and later read medicine and continued the practice of medicine before and after the war, but on account of ill health he gave it up, and for about forty years taught school, and at the same time tilled a small farm. He was one of the best school teachers and brightest scholars that Randolph County has ever produced. He wielded a facile pen, and the public enjoyed his writings. He had a most excellent and accurate memory, and when Col. J. R. Lane and others did not wish the heroic deeds of the Twenty-sixth Regiment to pass into oblivion, they selected him as the one best qualified to write the history of the regiment.

He had a nice comfortable home near Marley's Mills, and continued to keep the postoffice of that name.

He had a very natural and pleasant way of making you feel happy when at his home, and he seemed equally so because you were there. His deeds were not fitful and impulsive, but the continued kindness of a nature thoroughly generous.

He leaves a faithful and bereaved wife and two sons to mourn their loss.

During his last illness he often spoke of his departure, manifested a readiness to do his Master's bidding, gave directions as to his burial, and mentioned the persons that he wished to conduct the services. Many times at the request of his departed friends and neighbors had he made talks over their open graves, but now we are called upon to do the same over his. Though his body is laid to rest until the resurrection morning, yet he is not dead; he yet speaks in the lives that he has influenced. No more on earth will we hear his voice, or meet his pleasant greeting, but may we all emulate his fine example of Christian piety and prayer and dying faith.

O. T. Edwards.

The report on Periodicals was called for. The report was read by R. B. Lineberry:

PERIODICALS.

Newspapers and other printed matter are being poured into every nook and corner of our country. People are eagerly reading. Such conditions intensify the necessity for a good, sound religious paper. First, every item of news in the minutest detail—often in its most indecent and immoral aspect—is being published and scattered broadcast. We need a good religious paper to set the important items of news in their true colors; to point out evil occurrences and to direct our minds to an overruling Providence. In the second place, the printing press and other modern inventions are bringing all the world into closer contact. We need the religious paper as a means of communication with one another; to know each other better and to be brought into closer fellowship and sympathy with each other. The printing press is also bringing to the reading public all kinds of criticisms and notions of man and God. Without the true religious paper, holding us firmly to the teaching of God's word, we would soon be lost in the very whirlpool of literature itself.

Your committee heartily commends the Biblical Recorder to meet the above demands, and insists that it ought to be in every Baptist home. The North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field, and the Sunday School Literature of the Southern Baptist Convention, all are filling their respective spheres with growing efficiency. We commend them all as worthy of your support.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. B. Lineberry,
R. R. Moore,
T. D. Brooks,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by R. B. Lineberry, R. R. Moore, A. Johnson, E. Y. Pool and G. J. Dowell, after which it was adopted.

The report on Orphanage was read by L. R. Dixon:

ORPHANAGE.

There are now 277 children at the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. We have there about 420 acres of land, upon which we have a farm, nine dormitories, homes for the general manager and treasurer, central school building, central dining hall, Mills memorial building (used for machine shops), printing office, Miller building (used for laundry purposes). We have no barn, it having been burned last spring.

We also have a complete water works and sewerage system, the putting in of which cost so much money that we now have a debt of $11,000.

Our buildings, farm, equipments, water works and sewerage, with the bequests that have been made, amount to more than $200,000.

If the debt was paid the Orphanage would be in position to do a greater work than ever before, because it is so much better equipped. We would, therefore, urge the brethren to double their pledges and pay off the debt, so that the institution will be able to do the work demanded of it. The Orphanage has met with many misfortunes, but the good Lord has overruled them for the building up of the institution.

L. R. Dixon,
N. J. Muse,
Vander Liles,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, L. R. Dixon and A. Johnson spoke on the report, after which it was adopted. Pledges were taken amounting to $489.00 and a cash collection taken amounting to $12.52.

The Baptist Church at Biscoe petitioned for admission to the Association, and a committee, consisting of W. H. H. Lawhon, O. T. Edwards and L. R. Dixon, was appointed to examine the articles of faith and report.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read by W. A. Duncan:

AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

The Aged Ministers' Relief Board has done and is doing a good work. We are glad to report that the churches are nobly responding to its demands. For churches to care for these worn-out soldiers of the Cross is a thing of beneficence which they should not neglect.

During the last year three have died, and one has been dismissed, but eight have been added. In all, at this time, there are twenty-four on the Board. Rev. James Jordan, of Franklinville, whom many of us know, is one of them. The Board insists that the several churches recommend all needy ones.

The amount received from all sources during last year is $2,666.98. We are thankful for the hearty response made by the brethren during this year, and ask for still greater efforts during years to come.

W. A. Duncan,
R. F. Andrews,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by W. A. Duncan, A. Johnson and E. Y. Pool. Moved and carried that the churches set apart a day for the old ministers of the State, and no pledges were taken. Report was adopted.

J. W. Little preached at the stand at 12:00 o'clock.

The committee appointed to examine the articles of faith of Biscoe Church made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON BISCOE CHURCH.

We, the undersigned committee appointed to examine the articles of faith and church covenant of Biscoe Church, have examined the same and find them orthodox. We therefore recommend that she be received into the fellowship of this Association.

W. H. H. Lawhon,
O. T. Edwards,
L. R. Dixon,
Committee.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

To Nominate Executive Board—B. B. Phillips, I. H. Dunlap, C. H. Teague.

To Nominate Trustees of Associational School—E. D. Nall, Jr., D. E. Murchison, W. D. Thomas.

Place and Preacher for next Association—Delegates of Second Section.

To Nominate Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—W. H. H. Lawhon, L. R. Dixon, J. L. Smith.

Letters from Fall Creek, Biscoe, Sandy Branch and Carthage were read and delegates enrolled.

H. C. Moore, R. T. Vann and W. A. Barrett were welcomed to seats.

On motion adjourned. Dismissed by R. T. Vann.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

W. A. Barrett asked for the restoration of the Deep Creek Church to membership in this body. On motion a committee of three, consisting of W. H. H. Lawhon, G. J. Dowell and E. Y. Pool, was appointed as an advisory council to report at a later session.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by N. H. Shepherd:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is impossible for a church to realize her possibilities and accomplish her mission without a Sunday school. Nothing can take its place. Surely the prayer meeting is of vital importance, and nothing should sidetrack the preaching of the Word, but the Sunday school has its place and nothing can be substituted that will accomplish so much.

We note some things that ought to be remedied, viz.: the short length of time the Sunday schools are kept open, the abandoning of Sunday school to attend special meetings at other places, and the small attendance of the church membership—perhaps not much more than one in ten attend regularly. "Ten were cleansed, but where are the nine?"

Some of the good results of the Sunday school work may be seen in the large number of baptisms from the schools and the strong, Christian character of those members brought up in Sunday school.

Brethren, let us see to it that every church in this Association has a good Sunday school and the youth of the land be brought up in its influence.

Your committee recommends:

The organization of branch and mission schools wherever practicable; that each school send full reports to the Association so that the Sunday school statistics in the minutes may be complete; that we use our Southern Baptist Sunday School Literature and order same through the Baptist Book Store, Raleigh, N. C.; that we try to arrange with our State Sunday School Secretary to hold one or more Sunday school institutes within our bounds; that we endorse the Sunday School Department of the Baptist State Convention, and recognize Sunday School Missions as a worthy object of benevolence, and that we pledge ourselves to its support.

Respectfully submitted,
N. H. Shepherd,
P. T. Farrell,
J. C. Lane,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by N. H. Shepherd, Hight C. Moore and R. B. Lineberry. Report was adopted.

R. F. Andrews preached at the stand at 11:00 o'clock.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by G. J. Dowell:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We call ourselves Missionary Baptists. We are missionary in name, but are many of us missionary in practice? We believe God is the great lawgiver, and that every man is answerable to Him. We also glory in the truth, that every true Baptist claims, that the Bible is his infallible rule of faith and practice. If our practice was as genuine as our doctrine is true, then Missionary Baptists would be a greater blessing and power in this old sin cursed world. God has entrusted us with the glorious gospel of salvation, and wants us, and commands us, to carry it in its purity and life-saving power to all the people of earth.

The world was never before so open to receive the gospel, nor were the facilities ever so great. The missionaries of the Cross are sustained by the best men and protected by the strongest governments. Investments made for Jesus Christ yield much richer and larger returns than ever before.

Southern Baptists as a whole have not done for the evangelization of the heathen what they should. True, some have given largely and generously, but others have given nothing, and the average is only sixteen cents—that is for 1904. Should we not try to enlist the sympathy, zeal and contributions of the great masses who do so little? We should try to average twenty-five cents per member, or two cents monthly, during the next associational year.

Our missionaries need our prayers and our sympathies. If we would better inform ourselves about them and their work, we would gladly furnish them houses to live in, churches to preach in, schools in which the children might be educated, hospitals in which the sick might be treated, and many other things which are implied in the work of Foreign Missions. It is recorded in the Old Book, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. J. Dowell,
H. B. Lambeth,
A. R. Ellis,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by G. J. Dowell, L. R. Dixon and R. B. Lineberry. Pledges were taken amounting to $247.25, and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Deep Creek Church made the following report, which was adopted:

DEEP CREEK CHURCH.

Your committee to report on the petition of Deep Creek Church recommends that the church at Deep Creek be restored to the fellowship of the Association.

W. H. H. Lawhon,
E. Y. Pool,
Geo. J. Dowell,
Committee.

The report on State Missions was read by O. T. Edwards:

STATE MISSIONS.

The North Carolina State Convention was the legitimate outcome of a growing mission spirit among our Baptist people of more than seventy years ago, and has ever been true to the three chief ends for which it was called into existence: first, to supply all destitute fields with faithful ministers of the gospel; second, to build up the Christian by encouraging the study of the Bible, and by distribution of religious literature in the homes and churches; third, to stimulate and encourage every department of our work by the sympathy which an organized force of Christian men and women assures.

The God-given spirit which called the men of 1830 to the glorious work of State Missions has grown into immense proportions and has borne richest fruitage. If all of our people knew the wonderful things this work has accomplished, surely they would arise to meet every demand which the present situation requires. It is a fact that almost all of the strongest and best churches along the railroads are, in a large measure, the outcome of State Mission work.

It is a fact that State Missions has been, is, and must ever be the base of supply in all of our denominational work. In the last report of the Baptist State Convention I find this report: "Conversions reported, 1,954; baptisms, 1,036; added by letter, 898; church houses building, 59."

But while we rejoice in all this, we will have you remember that there are great things to be done. There is yet much land to be possessed for God. About one-third of the population of our beloved State are not Christians. The tide of immigration is coming South. The vast resources of our great State are being rapidly developed, and in the future we are going to have the stranger within our borders to grapple with. We must meet him with the gospel. This is our only safeguard.

We have every encouragement to continually strengthen and enlarge our work, so that we will be able to lend a helping hand to every needy and worthy call, and to meet new emergencies arising out of changing conditions.

O. T. Edwards,
E. P. Seawell,
W. D. Teague,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, speeches were made by O. T. Edwards, Hight C. Moore and J. W. Little. Pledges were taken amounting to $317.00, and the report was adopted.

The committee to nominate Executive Board reported as follows:

NOMINATION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, the committee on Executive Board, do respectfully recommend the present incumbents, Brethren L. R. Dixon, T. L. Chisholm, D. L. Webster, R. B. Lineberry and J. F. King.

B. B. Phillips,
I. H. Dunlap,
Chas. Teague,
Committee.

Report was adopted.

Report on Temperance was postponed until tomorrow.

On motion adjourned. Dismissed by G. J. Dowell.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Devotional exercises were conducted by G. J. Dowell.

The committee to recommend delegate to Southern Baptist Convention made the following report, which was adopted:

DELEGATE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Your committee to nominate delegate to Southern Baptist Convention recommends E. Y. Pool, and G. J. Dowell as alternate.

W. H. H. Lawhon,
L. R. Dixon,
J. L. Smith,
Committee.

S. F. Conrad was welcomed to a seat with us.

The Moderator announced the following Auditing Committee: T. B. Bray, W. T. Walters, J. L. Griffin.

On motion, H. F. Seawell was appointed to investigate the Crane's Creek Church property and report at next session.

The Executive Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, the Executive Board of this Association, submit the following: We have done nothing except to recommend the appropriation of a small amount by the State Board to Eagle Springs.

L. R. Dixon,
R. B. Lineberry,
J. F. King,
Committee.

The Committe on Place and Preacher reported as follows:

PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT SESSION.

We recommend Hickory Mountain Church as place for next Association, and N. H. Shepherd to preach the Introductory Sermon, with E. Y. Pool alternate.

W. A. Duncan,
For Committee.

Adopted.

The Committee to Nominate Trustees of Associational School reported as follows:

NOMINATION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

We, your Committee appointed to Nominate Trustees for Associational School, beg to recommend the following brethren: W. H. H. Lawhon, R. P. Johnson and J. E. Spence.

Respectfully submitted,
E. D. Nall,
D. E. Murchison,
W. D. Thomas,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Trustees of Associational School submitted the following report:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SANDY CREEK ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

After three years of faithful and efficient service Prof. R. P. Johnson resigned as principal of our Associational School. The trustees then elected Bro. O. T. Edwards as principal of the school. School opened September 4th and is doing fairly well, and we are glad to say that the prospects are encouraging. Miss Mamie Baldwin has charge of music class.

The school district at Mount Vernon has voted a school tax and thus our Associational School is made more dependent upon the boarding patronage. We would, therefore, urge the brethren of the Association to patronize this school. It has a fine location, it has been adopted as an Associational School, and we have teachers who are giving best of satisfaction. Its success depends upon your patronage.

Board of Trustees.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by W. H. H. Lawhon, R. P. Johnson, O. T. Edwards, R. B. Lineberry and J. W. Little. The report was adopted.

The following announcements were made: 11:00 a. m., preaching at stand by N. H. Shepherd; 2:00 p. m., by E. Y. Pool; 8:00 p. m., by J. W. Little in the house.

Professor W. R. Cullom, of Wake Forest College, was welcomed to a seat with us.

The report on Home Missions was read by W. H. H. Lawhon:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work being done by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is hard to overestimate. We have an idea of the greatness of the work if we but glance at what the Board is undertaking to do.

First, the Home Board is trying to give the gospel to the foreign population in our Southland, and in order to do this it has churches and chapels to build in many of our large cities, such as New Orleans, Galveston, Dallas, Birmingham, Mobile and Baltimore, where we find large numbers of Germans, Irish, Spaniards, French and Chinese.

Second, Cuba and Mexico have their doors open to us for the Gospel, and the Home Board is striving to supply this people with the truth as we hold it.

Third, the Home Board has also the Indians and Western Territories largely under its care.

Fourth, the Home Board has been and is still trying to elevate and better the condition of the Negro by teaching him the way of truth and right. We are glad to say that the Board has had some success in this department of its work.

Fifth, the Home Board has in its department of work what is called the Mountain Missions and Schools. When the extent of this territory, the number of people, and the responsive readiness of the Baptists in the mountain regions are considered, what the Board is doing seems inadequate. This mountain region, according to report of the Home Board, covers 149 counties, and if constituted into a State would be as large as any three States in our Convention, Texas excepted. This territory includes a large portion of North Carolina. The Board last year made appropriations to nine schools, with thirty teachers and 1,800 students, and under the leadership of Rev. A. E. Brown, who has charge of this whole field of Western North Carolina. The Baptists of the mountains have contributed in five years $30,000 to found and equip these schools, all of which are owned by the Baptist Associations, and it has been estimated that buildings, grounds and equipments have been secured amounting to a value of $40,000. The Board's appropriation to this work last year was $4,450.

W. H. H. Lawhon,
D. O. Bryan,
R. P. Eubanks,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, the report was spoken to by W. H. H. Lawhon, A. Johnson and W. R. Cullom. Pledges were taken amounting to $200.50, and the report was adopted.

Report on Education was called for and the report was read by E. Y. Pool:

EDUCATION.

Of all objects to which we as a denomination contribute, there is none of more vital importance than that of education. Upon this all other objects to a greater or less extent draw for supplies. It is the agency through which the most lasting and effective work of our denomination depends. It is the medium through which we receive the broadest, the highest and the deepest conceptions of God, and are able to form the truest ideas of the world about us. True education is the development of the best there is in us—symmetrical development of body, mind and soul. Its mighty power is felt in all of the various callings in life.

Perhaps there never was a time when education was more needed or more sought for than the present. All vocations are calling for cultured talent.

Let us heed the cries that are coming to us yearly from trustworthy and deserving young men who are ready to lay their lives a living sacrifice upon the altar for Christ. Where can we make an expenditure of the same amount that will mean more to us as a denomination, bring richer and happier experiences to lost and fallen man, than in helping young men to equip themselves for the gospel ministry?

We have in Wake Forest College a school of which the Baptist brotherhood of North Carolina is justly proud, whose graduates take rank among the best educated men. Our University for Women, located at Raleigh, is doing a great work, and we must not forget the home school, Mount Vernon Springs Academy. To the many and varied needs of these institutions let us rally with our means, our prayers, and a hearty cooperation. Respectfully submitted,

E. Y. Pool,
N. A. Jones,
B. F. White,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, the report was spoken to by E. Y. Pool, R. T. Vann and W. R. Cullom. Pledges were taken amounting to $99.00, and the report was adopted.

Adjourned for dinner. Dismissed by O. T. Edwards.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and miscellaneous business was taken up.

On motion of W. H. H. Lawhon the report of the Committee to Nominate Trustees was reconsidered. On motion the name of J. E. Spence was stricken out (because of the fact that he is not a member of the Association) and the name of L. R. Dixon inserted instead.

The Committee on Temperance submitted the following report:

TEMPERANCE.

We have been requested by the Moderator of this Association to write something on temperance. We feel our unworthiness to deal with such a subject, yet we realize as never before that God's people everywhere should raise their voices against this great evil. Every argument, physical, moral and spiritual, is against intemperance. Not one favorable word can be spoken for the intoxicating cup. Human reason says strong drink is a curse; experience shows it to be a tyrant and a dreaded foe. Moreover, the truest, wisest and noblest people in the world charge it with being the most fruitful source of crime. Eminent ministers, distinguished lawyers, prominent physicians and successful business men unite in saying that its root is selfishness, its spirit is discontent, its growth is conspiracy, its fruit is crime, its result is misery, its penalty death.

To all these arguments is added the scripture warning against looking on the cup when it is red, for at last "it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder," and no drunkard can inherit the kingdom of God. If we had no scripture condemning the dreadful cup, we should, for our own comfort and the sake of pure womanhood and home, stand united as a church and fight this great enemy of our homes and nation.

The average cost in the trial of a criminal is about $35.00, with about 90 per cent. of our criminal cases originating from the use of liquor. As a matter of investment we could well afford to invest in the cause of temperance, and thus open our jail doors, send our judiciary home and let our county officials look to other sources for a living.

All honor to Oates, Bailey, Broughton and other leaders in the great temperance move which the Baptist hosts in North Carolina are making. They are instruments in God's hand to help free us as a people from the curse of strong drink. The Baptists of the State are in the front rank of the temperance movement. Let us take courage and continue the fight.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. SMITH,
R. P. ELLINGTON,
E. D. NALL, JR.,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by J. L. Smith, S. F. Conrad, R. T. Vann, S. Womble and J. W. Little. Report was adopted.

The report on Prayer Meetings was read by J. F. King:

PRAYER MEETINGS.

The prayer meeting is a service in which our weakest members may participate and be fitted for a higher plane of Christian living. We regard it as indispensable and vitally essential for our Christian growth and training. We believe we are sadly and grievously lacking in our devotion to God—in earnest, constant prayer. We have no assurance of God's special blessings without the asking. Shall we miss these blessings because we do not ask?

We would urge our people to teach our young members the importance of prayer, and see that they have an opportunity to exercise in the prayer meeting service.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH ROGERS,
C. G. FRAZIER,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by Joseph Rogers and J. W. Little. Report was adopted.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the liquor traffic has been one of the greatest foes to the peace, happiness and prosperity of the whole country, and is also one of the most potent agencies of modern times for the damnation and ruin of souls; and, whereas, its ruinous effects are seen as a most fruitful source of crime, entailing upon the country burdensome and oppressive taxation:

Resolved, That we as members of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association, composed of 43 churches and 3,658 members, in association assembled, do hereby favor the entire abolition of the manufacture and sale of it from the State, and to this end we ask that a committee of three be appointed to convey this resolution to the next General Assembly and urge that a constitutional amendment be submitted to the voters of the State.

The report on Colportage was read by G. W. Harmon:

COLPORTAGE.

Our literature as a denomination needs to be enlarged and deepened, that it may keep pace with our growth in spirit and ideal. Our people need Baptist literature to help in meeting some problems which confront us as a denomination, hence we think the colportage work will, if managed properly, largely meet the deficiency. We recommend some steps be taken to fill the long and much needed and neglected work, when such questions as alien immersion, sanctification and second blessing confront us. Religious truth mixed with error is the worst kind, and as to how to proceed and meet this want we ask counsel of the Association.

G. W. Harmon,
W. J. Hackney,
E. L. Perry,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, G. W. Harmon, J. W. Little, J. L. Smith and H. A. Rowe spoke on the report, which was adopted.

The report on Sunday School Libraries was read by J. L. Griffin:

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The records of this Association reveal the startling fact that there are only 10 Sunday school libraries in the 43 churches which compose this body. Your committee is of the opinion that 10 libraries, aggregating 1,024 volumes, is insufficient to supply the intellectual needs of the 2,500 persons who are enrolled in our schools, not to speak of their spiritual necessities.

Since good books are so cheap, error so prevalent, and bad literature can be had for the asking, we earnestly urge every school to secure a collection of books in order that our pupils may be trained to think, and to think the right, and to be instructed in the doctrines as we understand them. The purpose of the Sunday school is to train Christian workers and to develop the Christ character. The ordinary Sunday school literature is inadequate and must, therefore, be supplemented, or our pupils become mentally and spiritually dwarfed.

J. L. GRIFFIN,
THOS. G. LANE,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, J. L. Griffin spoke on the report, after which it was adopted.

On motion Bro. Edwards was allowed to advertise the Associational School on cover of minutes.

Motion was adopted that the Sunday School Association minutes be printed as an appendix to the regular minutes.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their generous hospitality.

E. L. PERRY.

The Auditing Committee reported as follows:

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the Treasurer's accounts for 1904. We find that he has received $345.64 and has paid out $334.14, leaving a balance of $11.50 in the Treasurer's hands, this September 30th, 1905.

T. B. BRAY,
J. L. GRIFFIN,
Auditing Committee.

The Treasurer made the following report, which was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT OF CASH RECEIVED WITH LETTERS.

Minute Fund, from the Churches	$ 40 07
Minute Fund, from the Sunday Schools	1 05
State Missions	85 71
Home Missions	43 59
Foreign Missions	72 25
Ministerial Education	37 54
Aged Ministers' Relief	29 93
Orphanage	65 93
Sunday School Missions	1 50
*Associational Missions	1 00
Collection for Orphanage (Friday's session)	12 52
Total received with letters	$391 09
Brought forward from last year, amount received from Wm. Rogers, Colporter	11 50
Total amount in Treasurer's hands	$402 59

VANDER LILES,
Sept. 30, 1905. *Treasurer Sandy Creek Association.*

*On motion the item for Associational Missions was added to State Mission fund.

On motion adjourned. Dismissed by W. H. H. Lawhon.

J. W. Little preached at night.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Sunday school mass meeting was presided over by L. Moon, and was opened by L. R. Dixon by reading the 42nd Psalm and prayer. Speeches on the Sunday school work were made by O. B. Stroud, H. A. Rowe, O. T. Edwards, E. Y. Pool and J. W. Little.

R. T. Vann preached in the house and W. R. Cullom preached at the stand at 11:00 o'clock.

A collection was taken at these services for State Missions, amounting to $14.86.

The session was largely attended from the first day, the discussions were of a very high order and were highly enjoyed by all present. The weather was fine. This was one of the best sessions of this body.

STATEMENT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1904–1905.

SOCIETIES	Number of Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Box Fund	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Aberdeen....................	18	$ 11 55	$ 11 75	$ 10 70	$..........	$..........	$..........	$ 34 00
Bethany....................	30	70	4 60	5 05	....	....	....	10 35
Cameron	17	20 95	16 75	24 65	8 25	....	....	70 60
Carthage	15	12 00	18 60	26 95	....	62 00	1 00	120 55
Jonesboro....................	24	8 50	3 50	8 00	....	30 60	....	50 60
Pittsboro	14	18 15	22 95	13 60	....	42 60	....	97 30
Sanford....................	19	8 82	4 27	4 27	....	13 00	....	30 36
Siler City....................	16	4 50	8 75	13 00	4 33	....	1 00	31 58
Southern Pines..........	15	....	....	2 00	....	....	....	2 00
Total....................	68	$ 85 17	$ 91 17	$108 22	$ 12 58	$148 20	$ 2 00	$ 447 34

STATEMENT OF THE SUNBEAM SOCIETIES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1904–1905.

SOCIETIES	Number of Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Total Contributions
Cameron	9	$ 3 50	$..........	$ 3 24	$ 1 71	$ 8 45
Carthage	27	3 87	4 30	16 23	....	24 40
Jonesboro....................................	15	....	1 00	1 00	....	2 00
Pittsboro	15	2 75	2 50	1 75	6 25	13 25
Sanford....................................	12	....	....	8 66	1 50	10 16
Total....................................	78	$ 10 12	$ 7 80	$ 30 88	$ 9 46	$ 58 26

SECTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

FIRST SECTION.

Brush Creek,
Mechanics' Hill,
Mount Pleasant,
Union Grove,
Moon's Chapel,
Sandy Creek,
Tyson's Creek,
Beulah,
Staley,
Fork Creek,
Deep River,
Fall Creek,
Pine Grove.

SECOND SECTION.

Emmaus,
New Salem,
Siler City,
Mount Olive,
Rocky River,
Rock Springs,
Love's Creek,
Hickory Mountain,
Pittsboro.

THIRD SECTION.

Bear Creek,
May's Chapel,
Gum Springs,
Sandy Branch,
Rives' Chapel,
Mineral Springs,
Bethany.

FOURTH SECTION.

Aberdeen,
Jonesboro,
Carthage,
Eagle Springs,
Cool Springs,
Cameron,
Flint Hill,
Friendship,
Ephesus,
Sanford,
Bethlehem,
Southern Pines,
Pinebluff.

CHURCHES	Time of Preaching	PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Reported Last Year
Aberdeen	1st	J. B. Richardson, High Point	A. F. Yates, Aberdeen	1	1		10	4		15	27	42	52
Bear Creek	3rd	W. H. H. Lawhon, Carthage, r.f.d.	B. B. Stinson, Goldston	5		2	1	3	3	74	122	196	191
Bethlehem	3rd	Geo. J. Dowell, Carthage	Daniel Hannon, Carthage	9	3		2		4	88	144	232	227
Bethany	2nd	O. T. Edwards, Mt. Vernon Spg's	J. T. Paschal, Goldston	2	1		3	1	1	37	71	108	110
Brush Creek	1st	O. T. Edwards, Mt. Vernon Spg's	W. R. Welch, Ore Hill					3	2	54	65	119	124
Beulah	1st	W. H. H. Lawhon, Carthage, r.f.d.	H. C. Lambert, Joseph.	6						53	55	108	97
Cameron	1st	Geo. J. Dowell, Carthage	H. C. Petty, Cameron	12	6		2			32	42	74	62
Cool Springs	2nd	W. H. H. Lawhon, Carthage, r.f.d.	J. F. King, Sanford, R.F.D. No. 1		15				2	31	43	74	63
Carthage	3rd	G. J. Dowell, Carthage.	Chas. O. Manor, Carthage	19	5		4		1	43	57	100	79
Deep River	3rd	A. K. Scotten, Coleridge	Callie Davis, Coleridge							5	14	19	21
Eagle Springs	4th	W. H. H. Lawhon, Carthage, r.f.d.	J. A. Desern, Eagle Springs	4			1			12	17	29	25
Emmaus	4th	L. R. Dixon, Goldston	G. M. Clarke, Hadley's	4	2				4	52	76	128	126
Ephesus	3rd	J. M. Henly, Sanford	T. J. Savage, Sanford	2				4		9	12	21	23
Fall Creek	3rd	J. L. Smith, Siler City	J. W. Brewer, Fall Creek	6		2	3		3	121	135	256	251
Friendship			N. J. Muse, Cole's Mills						3	22	37	59	60
Flint Hill													
Fork Creek													
Gum Springs	3rd	E. D. Poe, Wake Forest	M. T. Wilkie, Moncure	5	2		15	2	2	66	110	176	187
Hickory Mountain	3rd	L. R. Dixon, Goldston	N. B. Justice, Kimbolton	5	8					56	47	103	90
Jonesboro	4th	Geo. J. Dowell, Carthage	D. O. Bryan, Jonesboro		5					39	60	99	94
Love's Creek	4th	O. T. Edwards, Mt. Vernon Sp'g's	J. L. Gilliland, Siler City	13		1	4	5	1	64	116	180	195
May's Chapel	1st	L. R. Dixon, Goldston	J. H. Burke, Goldston	1	2		8		2	35	63	98	106
Mineral Springs	3rd	O. T. Edwards, Mt. Vernon Sp'g's	H. S. Edwards, Ore Hill	3					2	29	44	73	72
Moon's Chapel	2nd	J. L. Smith, Siler City	E. L. Vestal, Jordan		2		3	1	2	22	35	57	67
Mechanics' Hill	2nd	T. P. Tucker, Star	J. R. Maness, Maness	7			1			25	44	69	63
Mount Olive	1st	N. H. Shepherd, Lindhurst	S. M. Lewis, Manndale	18			3		1	66	96	162	149
Mount Pleasant	1st	J. A. Hackney, Kimesville	G. R. Williams, Staley	3		1	1			4	27	35	32
New Salem	1st	W. T. Hurst, Manndale	E. L. Perry, Bynum	6		2	1			14	32	46	39
Pine Grove	4th		B. Deaton, Swinton							22	21	43	43
Pinebluff	1, 2, 3, 4	S. A. Ives, Pinebluff	F. T. Spinney, Pinebluff		2							13	11
Pittsboro	3rd	E. Y. Pool, Sanford	J. W. Moore, Pittsboro	2	1		2	1		18	25	43	43
Rives' Chapel	2nd	L. R. Dixon, Goldston	C. W. Oliver, Rives' Chapel	3	1		2	5		48	73	121	122
Rock Springs	4th	G. W. Harmon, Sanford	P. T. Farrell, Pittsboro	5						20	29	49	44
Rocky River	3rd	N. H. Shepherd, Lindhurst	J. W. Teague, Siler City	7	1	1	1	2		45	53	98	97
Sandy Branch	4th	J. L. Smith, Siler City	F. G. Lay, Bear Creek	4	1		7		1	59	73	132	135
Sandy Creek	3rd	G. W. Harmon, Sanford	Hawood Frazier, Staley	4		1	5	2		24	44	68	81
Sanford	1, 2, 4	E. Y. Pool, Sanford	Lee G. McIver, Sanford	13	13		12	5	1	48	79	127	119
Siler City	2nd	Geo. J. Dowell, Carthage	S. S. Smith, Siler City	3	2		4			36	52	88	82
Staley	1st	J. L. Smith, Siler City	C. P. Fox, Staley							9	9	18	18
Southern Pines			G. H. Sadelson, Southern Pines		4		2			12	13	25	26
Tyson's Creek	2nd	N. H. Shepherd, Lindhurst	L. Moon, Harper's Crossroads	13			1	1	1	26	46	72	60
Union Grove	1st	T. P. Tucker, Star	G. F. Garner, Seagrove	3	3	3			1	54	116	170	162
Biscoe	3rd	W. M. Bostick, Biscoe	W. C. Wright, Biscoe							6	7	13	
Total				188	90	13	98	39	38	1495	2231	3818	3653

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1904-1905.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Old Ministers' Relief	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Grand Total
Aberdeen	$ 165 00	$	$ 11 58	$ 21 79	$ 19 10	$ 15 77	$ 18 25	$	$ 21 81	$ 2 00	$ 2 75	$ 1 00	$ 63 95	$ 343 02
Biscoe					1 50	1 00	1 50		1 50			50		6 00
Bear Creek	75 00		16 00	4 00	10 00	5 00	12 00	8 35	15 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	24 35	174 70
Bethany	80 00	5 00		19 18	9 00	6 60	9 00	1 00	13 00	2 00	1 69	1 40	28 60	176 47
Bethlehem	100 00	5 00		6 00	8 00	5 00	5 00		7 00	2 00	2 00	1 65		141 65
Beulah					2 50	1 00	2 25		2 25	1 00	1 00	1 00	25 00	36 00
Brush Creek	80 00				7 50	5 00	10 00		7 50	3 00	2 00	1 00		116 00
Cameron	200 00	35 00	24 64	38 21	49 55	33 60	48 79	5 00	100 91	5 00	5 00	1 00		546 70
Carthage	200 00		130 60	71 38	45 87	87 90	60 18		52 28	5 00	5 00	1 50	47 60	706 71
Cool Springs	60 00	900 00		15 00	4 00	2 00	4 00	1 00	9 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		998 00
Deep Creek												50		50
Deep River	30 00	5 00	50	2 50		1 00	1 00		1 45		50	50		42 45
Eagle Springs	80 00			4 00	3 00	1 50	2 50		3 00	2 50	1 50	50		98 50
Emmaus	75 00		13 20		5 80	4 00	6 13		10 35	1 50	1 50	1 90		119 38
Ephesus			17 21	2 02	1 00	1 00	1 75		2 50	50	50	1 00		27 48
Fall Creek		35 00		1 77	6 00	5 69	10 00		10 00	4 00	2 00	1 68	1 00	77 14
Flint Hill														
Friendship					1 50	1 50	2 50		2 50			50		8 50
Gum Springs	100 00		17 00	16 00	8 00	5 00	10 00		8 00	7 50	1 00	1 30		173 80
Hickory Mountain	80 00		12 00	6 00	6 20	2 79	5 00		9 14	1 50	2 20	1 60		126 43
Jonesboro	200 00	125 00	93 75	11 11	19 36	11 87	18 17		55 00	6 00	5 25	2 00		547 51
Love's Creek	100 00	25 00	30 00		10 00	6 00	15 00		12 00	2 00	2 00	1 95		203 95
May's Chapel	100 00			8 00	7 00	5 00	5 71		11 00	2 00		1 00		139 71
Mechanics' Hill	30 00				2 50	1 00	1 50	50	2 50			40		38 40
Mineral Springs	80 00	35 00	11 00		5 00	4 00	1 46		7 50	3 00	2 00	1 10	1 00	151 06
Moon's Chapel		35 00				1 25	1 25		6 26			50		44 26
Mount Olive	100 00			6 00	8 40	3 00	4 27		5 39	1 87	1 47	74		131 14
Mount Pleasant	36 00	225 00			1 32				26			50	5 58	268 66
New Salem	50 00			2 53	3 40	1 00	2 33		3 21	2 39		50		65 36
Pinebluff			129 75	10 45		1 00	1 00					50		142 70
Pine Grove		50 00			1 65	1 00	1 00		2 50		1 00	65	4 50	72 30
Pittsboro	200 00		23 71	15 77	41 41	79 88	40 34		40 00	7 50	5 10	1 00	102 48	557 19
Rives' Chapel	80 00			4 05	4 25	2 40	7 00		5 00	1 00		25	12 55	116 50
Rock Springs					1 00	1 00	2 00		1 00			1 25		6 25
Rocky River	75 00	15 30	6 00	4 50	7 00	4 45	7 31		7 78	3 33	2 65	1 10	70 55	204 97
Sandy Branch	40 00		51 10		2 50	2 00	2 00		4 11	1 00		1 25	1 00	104 96
Sandy Creek	40 00			6 13								50	6 45	53 08
Sanford	500 00		77 95	22 95	43 82	28 52	52 93		62 70	6 00	5 00	1 25	116 25	917 37
Siler City	200 00		19 00		14 50	18 75	28 00		24 33	6 00	2 00	1 25		313 83
Southern Pines	235 00	275 00	26 75	21 62	14 67		12 00		12 25			50		597 79
Staley				5 00	2 00	1 05	1 00		1 25		50	50		11 30
Tyson's Creek	60 00			2 50	8 50	3 50	6 50		7 65	2 00	2 25	70		93 60
Union Grove	60 00		1 00	9 00	2 50	1 00	2 50		4 00		2 00	1 20	12 68	95 88
Total	$3511 00	$1770.30	$ 712 14	$ 337 46	$ 389 30	$ 363 02	$ 433 12	$ 15 85	$ 552 88	$ 84 59	$ 62 86	$ 41 12	$ 523 54	$8797 18

PLEDGES OF CHURCHES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1905–1906.

CHURCHES	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions
Aberdeen	$ 20 00	2 50	15 00	10 00	10 00
Bear Creek	15 00	2 00	10 00	12 00	5 00
Bethany	12 00	2 00	8 00	8 00	5 00
Bethlehem	7 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Biscoe	....	....	....	....	....
Brush Creek	10 00	3 00	7 50	10 00	5 00
Beulah	5 00	1 00	2 50	2 25	1 00
Carthage	40 00	5 00	25 00	20 00	15 00
Cool Springs	10 00	1 00	5 00	4 00	4 00
Cameron	75 00	5 00	35 00	35 00	25 00
Deep Creek	....	....	....	....	....
Deep River	1 50	....	50	1 00	....
Eagle Springs	5 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00
Emmaus	10 00	1 50	4 00	5 00	2 00
Ephesus	2 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Fall Creek	8 00	....	6 00	10 00	3 00
Flint Hill	....	....	....	....	....
Friendship	5 00	1 00	2 00	2 50	2 00
Fork Creek	....	....	....	....	....
Gum Springs	8 50	7 50	7 50	10 00	5 00
Hickory Mountain	12 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	3 00
Jonesboro	25 00	6 00	12 00	10 00	12 00
Love's Creek	15 00	2 00	10 00	15 00	6 00
May's Chapel	10 00	1 00	7 00	5 00	5 00
Mechanics' Hill	....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Mineral Springs	10 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	4 00
Moon's Chapel	8 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00
Mount Olive	7 50	1 00	6 00	5 00	2 00
Mount Pleasant	2 00	....	....	....	....
New Salem	2 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	1 00
Pine Grove	2 00	....	....	....	....
Pittsboro	40 00	7 50	33 00	32 50	32 50
Pinebluff	....	....	....	....	....
Rives' Chapel	6 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Rock Springs	2 00	....	1 00	2 00	1 00
Rocky River	7 50	1 00	5 00	4 00	2 50
Sandy Branch	4 00	10 00	1 00	2 00	2 50
Sandy Creek	....	....	....	....	....
Sanford	60 00	8 00	40 00	20 00	10 00
Siler City	25 00	5 00	10 00	15 00	10 00
Staley	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00
Southern Pines	....	....	....	....	....
Tyson's Creek	10 00	2 00	8 00	6 00	5 00
Union Grove	5 00	1 00	2 50	2 50	2 00
Total	$489 00	99 00	317 00	247 25	200 50

Constitution of Sandy Creek Baptist Association.

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of members not exceeding three in number from each Church, chosen by the different Churches in our union, together with such ordained ministers as may hold their membership with Churches belonging to this Association.

Art. 2. The application of any Church for membership shall be referred to a committee, who shall examine its church covenant and articles of faith, and upon favorable report may be admitted as a constituent member of this body.

Art. 3. In letters from the different Churches shall be expressed the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and has died since last Association; also the total number in fellowship, together with the contributions forwarded.

Art. 4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any Church belonging to the union, *but shall sit only as an advisory council.*

Art. 5. The Association shall elect a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, annually, by the suffrages of members present; a majority of the ballots cast being necessary to decide the choice.

Art. 6. There shall be appointed by the Association at each annual session an Executive Board, to consist of five members, whose duty shall be to solicit funds for the support of a missionary or missionaries, to labor in such destitute portions of the Association as they may designate, and to disburse such funds as may be sent up to the Association for this purpose, drawing upon the Treasurer of the Association for any amount in his hands for this field of labor. It shall also be their duty upon the death of any of their members, or of the Treasurer of the Association, to fill such vacancies.

Art. 7. The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any Church in her union who shall knowingly and willfully violate the Constitution, or depart from the orthodox principles of religion.

Art. 8. Amendments to this Constitution shall be made only by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the Association present.

The following resolution was passed at the 128th annual session at Mount Olive, Chatham County, September, 1886:

Resolved, That the ordained Baptist ministers present at each session of this Association be, and they are, hereby appointed a presbytery for the purpose of examining into and passing upon the qualifications and fitness for the gospel ministry all such candidates as the Churches may from time to time recommend (by letter) to this Association for ordination.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

The Association met April 28th, 1905, in the sixteenth annual session, with the Church at Mineral Springs, Chatham County, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by N. H. Shepherd.

Sunday schools of the following churches were represented:

Bear Creek—I. B. Hatch.
Bethany—M. J. Jordan, Mrs. Bettie McIntire, Miss Annie Dorsett.
Brush Creek—Wm. H. Ellis, Arch Ellis, E. M. Edwards.
Fall Creek—Willie Brewer.
Hickory Mountain—W. B. Dorsett.
Jonesboro—E. M. Hunt, J. M. Leslie, J. K. Hunt.
Love's Creek—G. W. Gee, Roy Hackney.
May's Chapel—W. H. Burns, J. W. White.
Mineral Springs—R. P. Johnson, Herbert Edwards, N. W. Dixon.
Moon's Chapel—A. J. Lane, Henry Jordan.
Mount Olive—E. L. Russell, O. R. Cook.
New Salem—E. L. Perry.
Pittsboro—R. B. Lineberry.
Rives' Chapel—Miss Ida Brooks, John T. Carter, Joseph Dark, Jr.
Rocky River—Willie Johnson, E. L. Fox.
Sandy Branch—Miss Rosa Womble.
Siler City—H. O. Vestal, D. C. Roberts, Mrs. J. D. Edwards.
Tyson's Creek—B. B. Phillips, J. L. McManus, L. Moon.

Ministers present: R. R. Moore, O. T. Edwards, N. H. Shepherd, L. R. Dixon, E. Y. Pool, E. L. Fox, G. J. Dowell, G. W. Harmon.

Superintendents present: T. J. Dark, O. B. Stroud, E. M. Edwards, H. H. Jordan, E. L. Perry.

L. R. Dixon was chosen Moderator and R. B. Lineberry Secretary and Treasurer.

The program as published in the Biblical Recorder was adopted.

"Is there not an obligation resting on church members to qualify themselves for Sunday school work?" was discussed by R. P. Johnson, R. R. Moore, E. Y. Pool, N. H. Shepherd, R. B. Lineberry, T. J. Dark. Answer: "Yes, on every church member."

Committee on Place and Preacher for next Meeting—H. H. Jordan, I. B. Hatch, W. J. Hackney.

Committee on Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons Mineral Springs Church.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises were conducted by G. J. Dowell.

On motion it is requested that minutes be printed as appendix to regular minutes and that Sunday schools send letters to the Clerk of this Association.

Ordered that Article 9 of the Constitution be stricken out.

"How to interest those persons, both converted and unconverted, who claim that they know but little about the lesson," was discussed by L. R. Dixon, N. H. Shepherd, E. L. Fox, R. R. Moore, R. B. Lineberry, G. J. Dowell, T. J. Dark. Answer: Can be interested by leaders, pastors, superintendents, teachers, parents; by tactful enthusiasm, instruction and agitation, relying on God's power and love.

"Should not every Sunday school take a monthly collection for the Orphanage and receive in return copies of Charity and Children?" was discussed by D. L. Webster, G. W. Harmon, O. T. Edwards, G. J. Dowell, E. Y. Pool. Answer: "Yes, we think it to the interest of God's cause to do so."

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

PLACE AND PREACHER.

Your committee recommends Jonesboro Church and L. R. Dixon to preach the Introductory Sermon.

W. J. Hackney,
H. H. Jordan,
Committee.

Report was adopted.

"Would it not be wise for churches and Sunday schools to read and discuss their church covenants and mission literature?" was discussed by E. Y. Pool, L. Moon, Geo. W. Womble, O. T. Edwards, D. L. Webster, G. J. Dowell, L. R. Dixon, J. T. Paschal, N. W. Dixon. Answer: "Yes, such discussion would be wise."

The following resolution was adopted by rising vote:

Resolved, that we, the delegates and visitors to this meeting, extend our hearty thanks to this church and community for their hospitality to us.

E. L. Fox preached Saturday night.

SUNDAY.

Devotional exercises were conducted by N. H. Shepherd.

"Sunday schools," discussed by G. W. Harmon, L. Moon, R. R. Moore, N. H. Shepherd.

Church dedication: Brief history of the church, by O. T. Edwards. Scripture reading, by L. R. Dixon. Sermon, by E. Y. Pool. Dedication prayer, by R. R. Moore.

Collection for Ministerial Education amounted to $8.25.

Sermon in the afternoon by L. R. Dixon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1904–1905.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Enrolled	Average Attendance	Months Kept Open	Volumes in Library	Quarterlies & Papers Taken	School Expenses	Other Objects
Aberdeen	J. A. Bryan, Aberdeen	5	30	25	12		75	$ 21 79	$ 6 86
Bear Creek	Gaston Lloyd, Bear Creek	2	75	60	9		60	4 00	8 35
Bethlehem	Jesse F. Barrett, Carthage	11	74	40	12	50	72		
Bethany	J. T. Paschal, Goldston	6	45	28	12		75	19 18	9 05
Brush Creek	E. M. Edwards, Ore Hill	6	64	50	4		80		
Beulah	Joseph Powers, Joseph	6	74	50	12				
Cameron	C. C. Jones, Cameron	8	60	40	12	100	90	38 21	67 63
Carthage	W. C. Petty, Carthage	7	67	50	12	150	148	71 38	31 28
Cool Springs	J. E. Spence, Sanford	7	86	50			60		
Deep River	Thomas Davis, Coleridge	6	50	30	8		50		
Eagle Springs	W. F. Blake, Eagle Springs	5	21	17	12		32		
Emmaus	C. N. Justice, Hadley	7	104	60	9		97		
Ephesus	T. J. Savage, Sanford	4	25	10	12	40		2 02	2 25
Fall Creek	R. W. Kidd, Joseph	7	60	45	5		70		
Gum Springs	W. D. Thomas, Lockville	8	50	40	12		60		
Hickory Mountain	E. V. Straughan, Siler City	7	88	41	12	50	150		
Jonesboro	W. W. Moore, Jonesboro	6	62	40	12	123	65	17 75	22 11
Love's Creek	A. M. Walters, Siler City	6	50	25	6				
May's Chapel	N. A. Gilmore, Tysor's Mills								
Mineral Springs	O. B. Stroud, Ore Hill	6	46	25	12		55		
Moon's Chapel	H. H. Jordan, Jordan	5	30		4		30		
Mechanics' Hill	Levi Maness, Carter's Mills	6	35	20	7				
Mount Olive	R. F. Andrews, Manndale	10	105	80			70	6 00	
New Salem	E. L. Perry, Bynum	7	36	25	9		87	2 53	
Pinebluff	J. E. Spinney, Pinebluff	5	20	15		200		11 15	
Pittsboro	J. L. Griffin, Pittsboro	8	50	40	12	60	75	15 77	9 56
Rives' Chapel	T. J. Dark, Ore Hill	7	67	38	6				
Rock Springs	Norman Phillips, Pittsboro	5	50	25	9		75		
Rocky River	W. C. Teague, Siler City	6	70	45	9		62		
Sandy Creek	G. M. York, Ramseur	6	48	30	9		55	6 13	
Sanford	E. D. Nall, Sanford	8	150	75	12		175		43 06
Siler City	D. L. Webster, Siler City	9	126	61	12	50	181		20 00
Staley	C. G. Frazier, Staley	7	75	26	12		60		
Tyson's Creek	B. B. Phillips, Bear Creek	5	40	25	12		36		
Union Grove	Neill Dunlap, Longleaf	7	65	45	8		75	3 00	

Constitution of Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be denominated and known as the Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom in the prosecution of the Sunday school work.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of brethren or sisters chosen by the Sunday schools connected with it, each school being entitled to three delegates. Ministers who are members or pastors of churches connected with the schools of this body and superintendents of such schools shall be considered members *ex-officio.*

ART. 4. The delegates from each school shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving a full account of the condition of the school (as required in the blanks) and a statement of all the funds contributed by the school during the past year.

ART. 5. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, and a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce order, appoint committees, decide questions of order, etc., and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the schools.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the schools or collected during the session of the body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association, and make an annual report of his work to the body.

ART. 9. Any Sunday school desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose.

ART. 10. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 11. The annual session shall be held on Friday and Saturday before the first fifth Sunday after the first day of March.

ART. 12. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached during each session an introductory sermon, also an annual sermon on Sunday.

ART. 13. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

May

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The next session of the Association will be held with the Church at May's Chapel,
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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. M. Bostick	Onvil, N. C.
L. R. Dixon	Goldston, N. C.
G. J. Dowell	Carthage, N. C.
P. A. Ferguson	Lambsville, N. C.
S. W. Fuquay	Eagle Springs, N. C.
G. W. Harmon	Ore Hill, N. C.
J. N. Hartsell	Cameron, N. C.
J. M. Haymore	Sanford, N. C.
J. M. Henley	R. F. D. No. 3, Sanford, N. C.
W. T. Hurst	Mt. Vernon Springs, N. C.
S. A. Ives	Pinebluff, N. C.
W. H. H. Lawhon	R. F. D. No. 1, Carthage, N. C.
J. W. Little	Jonesboro, N. C.
R. R. Moore	Ore Hill, N. C.
D. R. Sears	Siler City, N. C.
A. K. Scotten	Coleridge, N. C.
N. H. Shepherd	Lindhurst, N. C.
J. L. Smith	Siler City, N. C.
O. B. Mitchell	Mt. Vernon Springs, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

L. R. Dixon	Goldston, N. C.
T. L. Chisholm	Sanford, N. C.
D. L. Webster	Siler City, N. C.
R. B. Lineberry	Manndale, N. C.
D. H. Perry	Sanford, N. C.

TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL

J. E. Spence	1909
J. M. Jordan	1909
R. B. Lineberry	1909
W. H. H. Lawhon	1908
L. R. Dixon	1908
R. P. Johnson	1908
J. W. Dark	1907
G. W. Harmon	1907
O. B. Stroud	1907

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SANDY CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Lindhurst, N. C., October 4th, 1906.

The Sandy Creek Baptist Association met in its 148th annual session with the church at Hickory Mountain, Chatham County.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. S. F. Conrad, from 1st Corinthians 3:8.

After an intermission of one hour the Association was opened with devotional exercises by G. J. Dowell.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The letters from the churches were read by W. H. H. Lawhon and L. R. Dixon, and delegates were enrolled as follows:

Aberdeen—Letter, no delegates.
Bear Creek—W. B. Cheek, J. M. Stinson.
Bethany—E. D. Nall, Sr., J. R. Moore.
Bethlehem—C. G. Sullivan.
Beulah—Joseph H. Purvis, H. B. Lambert, J. T. Powers.
Biscoe—B. D. Drake, H. J. Dixon.
Brush Creek—J. E. Spence, H. M. Gee, V. E. Ellis.
Cameron—Wm. Rogers, C. H. Teague.
Carthage—Federick Mainor, O. D. Wallace.
Cool Springs—D. H. Perry, C. D. Groce.
Deep Creek—Letter, no delegates.
Deep River—W. W. Caviness.
Eagle Springs—J. A. Desern, P. T. Wilson, J. W. Dixon.
Emmaus—Clarence Webster, W. P. Perry.
Ephesus—J. B. Spivey, W. A. Spivey.
Fall Creek—A. B. Phillips, N. O. Cox.
Flat Springs—A. C. Bridges, C. J. Kelly, Thomas Bridges.
Flint Hill—Letter, no delegates.
Fork Creek—G. W. Teague, W. E. Beck, E. B. Leach.
Friendship—not represented.
Gum Springs—D. J. Harmon.
Hickory Mountain—W. J. Hackney, W. A. Headen, Henry Straughan.
Jonesboro—W. I. Brooks, Vander Liles.
Love's Creek—J. L. Gilliland, E. R. Smith, H. A. Teague.

May's Chapel—Jno. W. White, W. H. Burns, Norton Perry.
Mechanics' Hill—Not represented.
Mineral Springs—O. B. Stroud, E. W. Adcock, R. H. Dixon.
Moon's Chapel—H. H. Jordan.
Mount Olive—Jno. S. Thomas, Ed. L. Russell, D. W. Cheek.
Mount Pleasant—Alexander Coble.
New Salem—O. E. Dean, E. L. Perry, Galie Cheek.
Pinebluff—Letter, no delegates.
Pine Grove—T. C. Williamson, S. W. Fuquay.
Pittsboro—G. W. Moore, R. B. Lineberry, R. P. Johnson.
Rives' Chapel—W. I. Dowd, C. M. Webster, J. S. Dark.
Rock Springs—W. A. Cooper, Newton J. Dismukes, Mark Smith.
Rocky River—W. E. Johnson, J. L. Culberson, Ransom Edwards.
Sandy Branch—Joe Andrews, I. H. Dunlap.
Sandy Creek—P. H. Frazier, E. H. McMasters, Cleveland Williams.
Sanford—T. L. Chisholm, Joseph Rogers.
Siler City—D. R. Sears, A. W. Jordan, C. N. Bray.
Staley—C. G. Frazier, J. W. Staley.
Southern Pines—Not represented.
Tyson's Creek—B. B. Phillips, L. Moon.
Union Grove—J. S. Hancock, Daniel Chriscoe.

Ministers present: W. H. H. Lawhon, L. R. Dixon, G. J. Dowell, N. H. Shepherd, J. W. Little, D. R. Sears, J. L. Smith, J. M. Haymore, P. A. Ferguson, W. T. Hurst, S. W. Fuquay.

Visitors present: A. Johnson, of the Orphanage; S. F. Conrad, of North Carolina Baptist.

On motion of G. J. Dowell, the rules were suspended and the Clerk was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for R. P. Johnson for Moderator. On motion of L. R. Dixon the rules were suspended and J. F. King was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for R. B. Lineberry for Clerk. On motion of W. H. H. Lawhon the newly elected Clerk was instructed, under suspension of rules, to cast the vote of the Association for Vander Liles for Treasurer.

L. R. Dixon gave the Association a cordial welcome, which was responded to by R. B. Lineberry.

A newly constituted church at Flat Springs applied for membership. Referred to committee consisting of W. H. H. Lawhon, L. R. Dixon, G. J. Dowell.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Periodicals—R R. Moore, R. H. Dixon, P. H. Frazier.
Education—W. T. Hurst, D. R. Sears, John W. White.
State Missions—W. H. H. Lawhon, Fred Mainor, J. W. Dixon.
Foreign Missions—L. M. Hobbs, Wm. Rogers, W. E. Johnson.
Sunday Schools—L. R. Dixon, J. B. Spivey, W. R. Perry.
Aged Ministers—N. H. Shepherd, R. F. Andrews, W. A. Headen.
Sunday School Libraries—D. L. Webster, O. B. Stroud, H. B. Lambert.

Home Missions—J. W. Dixon, H. A. Teague, W. I. Brooks.
Colportage—J. L. Smith, Laban Moon, P. A. Ferguson.
Temperance—G. W. Harmon, Joseph Rogers, W. A. Cooper.
Orphanage—G. J. Dowell, T. L. Chisholm, B. B. Phillips.
Prayer Meetings—R. B. Lineberry, C. D. Groce, W. J. Hackney.
Order of Business—L. R. Dixon, D. R. Sears, N. H. Shepherd.
Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of Hickory Mountain Church.
Obituaries—N. H. Shepherd.

On motion the Association adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. Benediction by G. W. Harmon.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises were conducted by W. H. H. Lawhon.

Letters from Bethlehem, Carthage, Mount Pleasant, Sandy Branch, and Moon's Chapel were read and delegates enrolled.

Visitors welcomed to seats: J. W. Bailey, of Biblical Recorder; J. A. Hackney, of Piedmont Association; and Rev. A. H. Perry, of the Methodist denomination.

Committee on Flat Springs Church reported as follows:

REPORT ON FLAT SPRINGS CHURCH.

Your committee, appointed to examine the articles of faith and church covenant of Flat Springs Church, have examined the same and find them orthodox. We recommend that the church be received into the fellowship of this Association.

W. H. H. Lawhon,
Geo. J. Dowell,
L. R. Dixon,
Committee.

Report adopted, and delegates were given right hand of fellowship.

The Committee on Order of Business reported as follows, which was adopted:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Friday—9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.
9:45 a. m.—Miscellaneous Business.
10:00 a. m.—Periodicals.
10:45 a. m.—Relief Board.
11:15 a. m.—State Missions.
12:30 p. m.—Adjourn for dinner.
2:00 p. m.—Foreign Missions.
3:00 p. m.—Prayer Meetings.
3:30 p. m.—Temperance.
4:00 p. m.—Miscellaneous Business.
4:15 p. m.—Adjourn.

Saturday—9:30 a. m.—Devotional.
9:45 a. m.—Sunday Schools.
10:00 a. m.—Obituaries.
11:00 a. m.—Orphanage.
11:45 a. m.—Education.
12:30 p. m.—Adjourn for dinner.
2:00 p. m.—Home Missions.
2:30 p. m.—Colportage.
2:45 p. m.—Libraries.
3:00 p. m.—Trustees of School.
3:15 p. m.—Executive Board.
3:45 p. m.—Auditors' Report.
4:15 p. m.—Miscellaneous.
4:15 p. m.—Miscellaneous.

N. H. Shepherd,
L. R. Dixon,
Committee.

On motion, Orphanage was taken up in place of Periodicals. Report on Orphanage was read by G. J. Dowell:

THE THOMASVILLE ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage is the youngest institution, so far as its constituency is concerned, with which our Baptist people have to do. It was founded in 1875. Bro. J. H. Mills was given charge and struggled for ten years to give it permanency. He left it wih 300 acres of land, substantial buildings, and forever engraven on the hearts of Baptists. Rev. J. B. Boone succeeded him, giving also ten years of hard toil to the institution. The buildings were enlarged and much improved, and a number of new ones erected, including the "Central School" building; the dining hall, accommodating 225 children at meal times. A well 876 feet deep, through gray granite, was dug and an excellent water system was established under his administration.

Last year Rev. M. L. Kesler succeeded Mr. Boone, and since having charge is addressing himself to the task of improving every department of Orphanage work and rendering it efficient in every way possible. The grounds are much improved in appearance, and everything shows the trace of his transforming power. The number of boys in the industrial departments has been multiplied. A laundry has been added to its equipment. A new dormitory is springing into existence, the Watson house is to be rebuilt; Bro. E. F. Aydlette, of Elizabeth City, furnishing the money for the one, and Mrs. G. W. Purefoy, of Asheville, daughter of John Watson, of blessed memory, furnishing money for the other.

The farm now contains 400 acres of very excellent land, furnishing exercise for the boys, and large crops of corn, wheat, peas, potatoes, hay, etc., are raised, all of which go largely toward supporting the Orphanage family. The young farmers are there well trained by Mr. S. H. Averitt, who is the efficient Orphanage treasurer.

The shoe shop is presided over by Mr. Venable Wilson, and 900 pairs of shoes are made each year. It is intended to enlarge the capacity and make it a source of revenue for the Orphanage treasury.

Charity and Children is most ably edited by Mr. Archibald Johnson, who is too well known for us to do more than merely mention his name. In the office Mr. B. N. Moore, a deacon of the Orphanage Church, is foreman of the printing department, who trains from five to seven boys in the art of typesetting, and to be practical printers. Many boys have gone from this place to hold responsible and paying positions.

The wood shop is managed by Mr. Geo. A. Thompson, foreman, who keeps six or eight boys teaching them how to use tools and become good mechanics.

All of these departments help materially the work of the Orphanage and are producing considerable revenue.

A good school of eight grades is taught by competent teachers. Each home is supplied with a good matron who, with the teacher's aid, looks after the children to see that their wants are supplied, their time properly employed in doing their work, and learning their lessons. Nor is their deportment overlooked. Every child must have his face clean, his hair combed, and must use good language, and have good manners. They attend school in the morning and half the afternoon. The session is ten months in the year. Good English is compulsory, and coarse language is forbidden.

Recently a stenographer and typewriter have been added, so as to give any very smart girl who may wish it an opportunity to take lessons and become proficient in this line of work, so useful and so remunerative.

The Infirmary stands at the end of North Avenue, and in it the sick have special care and attention, and besides an excellent physician, the services of a trained nurse. Miss Eulalia Turner is in charge, but while she is doing excellent work, the building is entirely too small and needs enlarging immediately. Of course this department, as all others, is under the supervision of the General Manager.

It might be well to state that children whose fathers are alive are not admitted. Children whose mothers are living are sometimes admitted, but it is because their means are too limited to support them. Children with unsound minds, etc., are not received. The Orphanage keeps the children who cannot depend upon their own exertions until they can make their own way through the world. Putting out children into every kind of a home has not proved satisfactory. A child at the Orphanage is better off than in the average home. The age limit is eighteen years. Children under five and over twelve years are ineligible. Six dollars a month supports the child, giving books, clothes, food, medicine, etc. The salaries of the employees are not included.

The Orphanage owns 400 acres of land, valued at $15,000; buildings, $60,000; invested funds, $102,000; total $177,000. It has 320 children, 28 employees, 15 cows, 1 horse, 4 mules, and is in debt $3,000. The invested funds, interest only, can be used for permanent improvements in keeping up the property. We recommend trying to raise our part of this debt, freeing the property from all incumbrances, and as far as we can increasing our contributions and the circulation of Charity and Children.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. J. Dowell,
B. B. Phillips,
T. L. Chisholm,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by G. J. Dowell and A. Johnson. Pledges were taken amounting to $595.50 and a cash collection amounting to $8.64. Report was adopted.

Report on State Missions was read by W. H. H. Lawhon:

STATE MISSIONS.

State mission work is so clearly in accordance with the divine commandment and the spirit of Christ that it needs no argument to commend it to the sympathies of the churches.

The rise and progress of the Baptists of North Carolina is the history of State Missions. All that has been done and all that will be done to give the gospel to the destitute sections in our state is properly called State Missions. This is true, whether the work has been under appointment of the State Board, Associational Board, or under the direction of a local church, or if the gospel has been preached voluntarily by parties in destitute sections without appointment by any human action.

For more than one hundred years the Baptists have been engaged in State Missions, and we are glad to say that through all these years the work has never been so large, so hopeful, or so satisfactory as in the past four or five years. State Missions is one of the most important branches of our work. It is on the success of this department that all the other branches largely depend for prosperity.

A hundred years before the State Convention was organized, the Biblical Recorder was founded, or Wake Forest had its beginning, the Baptists of this state, though confronted by many difficulties, began State Mission work; and these agencies have been made necessary and possible by the successful prosecution of this foundation work. The door of opportunity for enlarged work is open to us now. We should, therefore, undertake greater things for the Lord in this department than ever before.

The appropriation made by our State Board for this year is $30,000. We have over one hundred missionaries, but to supply all the destitution in North Carolina we would need three hundred men and $100,000.

W. H. H. Lawhon,
J. W. Dixon,
R. Fred Mainor,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by W. H. H. Lawhon and J. W. Bailey. Pledges were taken amounting to $341.00. Report was adopted.

Motion to grant request from Union Meeting to rescind resolution in constitution was tabled.

On motion adjourned for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Letters from Biscoe, Brush Creek, Fork Creek and Staley were read and delegates enrolled.

The Moderator announced the following committees :

To Nominate delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—B. B. Phillips, C. D. Groce, Wm. Cheek.

Place and Preacher for Next Association—Delegates of Third Section; L. R. Dixon, Chairman.

To Nominate Trustees of Associational School—J. M. Stinson, D. J. Perry, J. L. Culberson.

To Nominate Executive Board—T. L. Chisholm, I. H. Dunlap, J. R. Moore.

Auditing Committee—J. M. Haymore, H. H. Jordan.

Upon request from Rock Springs Church the ministers present were appointed a presbytery to consider the advisability of ordaining to the full work of the ministry O. B. Mitchell. W. H. H. Lawhon was made chairman.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by L. M. Hobbs:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In the organized system of the Southern Baptist Convention for the propagation of the gospel of salvation among men, the department of Foreign Missions is one of paramount importance.

The last command of our Lord to his followers before his ascension was, ''Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel, and lo, I am with you alway.'' John in his Patmos vision ''saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth—to every nation, kindred, tongue and people.''—Rev. 14:6.

Brethren, our Heavenly Father loves a lost world. He gave his son to die, not for a part, but for the whole of it. He has committed to His people the work of telling those who have never heard of His saving love that ''whosoever calleth on the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed, and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?''—Rom. 10:15.

The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., has now under appointment about 490 workers—300 natives and 190 missionaries; twelve of these are from North Carolina. These reported 2445 converts baptized last year. The missionaries are very hopeful and enthusiastic. Great changes are taking place in foreign lands and our workers believe that soon multitudes will turn unto the Lord. Glorious revivals are reported on some fields. The churches contributed $324,000 last year; and yet, Southern Baptists give on the average about seventeen cents. How easily this could (and should) be fifty cents! Of this $324,000 North Carolina Baptists gave $28,702.37, an increase over year before of about $8,500. And if we would continue to grow in grace and enjoy the fullest measures of God's blessings we must continue to increase our gifts as long as men grope in darkness. For as yet the prophecy of Isaiah is not fulfilled, ''And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.''—Ch. 6:3.

Does Foreign Missions pay? Yes, even were there no soul salvation revealed in the gospel, the world is far better with it than without. Proof of this statement may easily be found in comparison of lands where the gospel has been fully preached with those where it is not. The sure blessings which invariably follow the gospel is the building of schools and the increase of education, the bringing in of a Christian civilization. Dr. J. F. Griggs, a medical missionary in Peking, declares that China has made more progress in two years past than a thousand years preceding. ''Pigtails'' are to be cut off, foot binding is to cease, the buying and selling of women is forbidden; girls' schools are to be fostered; the civil service examinations are to include modern and practical studies; jury trials are to be introduced; the penal code has been revised and brutal forms of punishment abolished; a constitutional government is promised in twelve years; daily Chinese newspapers are multiplying; electric lighting, telegraphs, telephones, railways and like improvements are being fostered. Sunday is to be observed in the Empire and by its foreign embassies.

These are a few of the blessings which follow the gospel. ''Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.''—Eph. 5:14.

Respectfully submitted,
L. M. Hobbs,
Wm. Rogers,
W. E. Johnson,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by L. M. Hobbs, Wm. Rogers and J. M. Haymore. Pledges were taken amounting to $515.00. Report was adopted.

On motion, Periodicals was taken up in place of Prayer Meetings. Report on Periodicals was read by W. H. H. Lawhon:

PERIODICALS.

The printing press is the greatest power we have: (1st) Because it leads people to think. (2nd) Because it touches the thoughts of thousands on the same line of the thinking people. (3rd) Because it leads to the great God in their spiritual salvation. (4th) Because it calls more laborers into God's vineyard and leads the Godly to truer obedience—not because of the evil, but because of the mighty God's call.

Therefore, we do heartily recommend the Bibical Recorder, Charity and Children and North Carolina Baptist. We would insist on every Baptist family taking and reading these papers.

R. R. Moore.

Amended by N. H. Shepherd to include Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field, and Sunday School literature of Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by J. W. Bailey, S. F. Conrad and J. W. Little. Report adopted as amended.

Report on Temperance was read by G. W. Harmon:

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance—the moderate use of things to be used. In this connection, however, it has reference to strong drink. Who, therefore, should advocate the cause? All good people, especially the preachers as leaders, should agitate the subject often; those who employ labor to a large extent; also the ladies.

The cause is gaining, we think, and is in better shape than at any other time within our knowledge.

G. W. Harmon,
W. A. Cooper,
Jos. Rogers,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by G. W. Harmon and J. W. Little. Report was adopted.

On motion adjourned. Dismissed by G. W. Harmon.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. M. Haymore.

W. H. H. Lawhon read report of H. F. Seawell as to title of Crane's Creek Church:

CRANE'S CREEK CHURCH PROPERTY.

Carthage, N. C., October 2, 1906.

To the Sandy Creek Association:

The question of the title of the old Crane's Creek Church property having been referred to me, I beg leave to report:

This property was conveyed by James Worthy to "Jacob Matthews, Thomas Matthews and William Lineberry, Trustees of the Baptist Religious Society of the Crane's Creek Church," by his deed on the 3rd day of February, 1854, since which time the property has been in the possession and occupancy of the Crane's Creek Church, through its proper trustees.

At a conference of the church on the 4th Sabbath in December, 1891, by unanimous vote of twenty-two members of the church present, the place of worship of the congregation was changed from Crane's Creek to Cameron.

At a conference of the church on August 12, 1894, the name of the church was changed from "Crane's Creek Baptist Church" to "Cameron Baptist Church." The present trustees of the Cameron Baptist Church are Brethren C. E. Jones, T. B. Goodman and E. P. Pierce.

During the year of 1905, Doc Hinesly took possession of the Crane's Creek Church property, by storing in the church building a quanity of lumber and some farming tools. At that time there were in the building a stove, Bible and perhaps some song books belonging to the church.

From the foregoing facts I conclude that the legal title to the Crane's Creek Church property is now vested in the trustees before named, C. E. Jones, T. B. Goodman and E. P. Pierce, and it seems to be their duty, as trustees, to repossess the said property for the church.

On August 29, 1906, I urged upon the trustees to call upon Mr. Hinesly and to endeavor to adjust the matter of title and right of possession in an amicable and friendly manner; but whether my suggestion has been followed I am not informed.

As a matter of legal right, if the trustees refuse to act in the premises, any member of Cameron Baptist Church could maintain an action at law, with the said trustees as parties, for the purpose of determining the title and right of possession of the said property. I would not advise that any action at law be undertaken until every peaceable means of securing the rights of the church have been first resorted to. Respectfully submitted,

H. F. Seawell.

Report was adopted.

On motion, subject of Obituaries was taken up. N. H. Shepherd read sketch of O. T. Edwards:

MEMENTO.

Oren Teel Edwards, son of James and Gracy Edwards, was born Oct. 7, 1845, near Siler City, Chatham County, N. C. He was reared on his father's farm and joined Moon's Chapel Baptist Church at about the age of seventeen years. At the age of eighteen years he volunteered to go as a soldier in the Confederate army to defend what he thought was a just cause. There, as everywhere else in life, he did his part faithfully and nobly.

Soon after the close of the war he attended school at Sylvan Academy, near Snow Camp. Here he prepared himself for teaching, and taught his first school at Moon's Chapel in 1872. From there he went to Pleasant Lodge Academy and taught a few terms. The academy being burned, he went to Wake Forest College. Before graduating he was asked to return and teach in the new academy at Pleasant Lodge, which he did. But realizing more and more his call to the ministry and the need of preparation for that great service, he quit his school and went to Louisville in 1877 to attend our Seminary, from which institution he graduated in 1880. He was set apart to the full work of the gospel ministry at Moon's Chapel Church the same year he returned from the Seminary.

He was married to Miss Kara Jordan in 1882, to which union there were born two children—Herbert Spurgeon, age 17, and James Jordan, age 15, both now living. Mrs. Edwards died in 1902.

Brother Edwards at some period of his life served as pastor of about half the churches in the Sandy Creek Association, and some churches outside. He served as pastor of the Church at Love's Creek during his entire ministry, and was loved more when he died than when he began.

He served as Moderator of the Sandy Creek Association a number of years.

He had some very flattering calls and invitations to other churches and fields, but his patriotism—his love for his own Association and the school at Mount Vernon Springs—impelled him to take up work at home. So, in 1880 he began teaching in the Mount Vernon Springs Academy. He taught with our present Moderator, Prof. R. P. Johnson, and for years the school proved eminently successful. His other labors being so great, he quit the school for a number of years, till a little more than a year ago, when the circumstances were such that the continuation of the Associational School was well nigh hopeless, the trustees asked Brother Edwards to take hold of it again. His religion was such as would lead him to help where help was most needed, so, in September, 1905, he took charge of the school again, and the very existence of the school today is due mainly to the labors and sacrifices of him who was willing to toil and sacrifice, yea, willing to suffer for the good of others. He realized very soon that the only hope of success was to erect and equip some dormitories for the accommodation of boarding students. The last year of his life was a year of toil and sacrifice to this end. He worked too hard, but it was necessary because some of us failed to do our part.

Your committee would recommend that we endeavor to raise by private subscription enough money to finish nicely and paint the dormitories and place a nice memorial plate of marble above the front door and call it the ''O. T. Edwards Building.''

He was in the midst of his revival season when the summons came. How sad to think he had to leave the work unfinished, that gave so much joy to his heart! And yet how sweet to go from Pisgah's top to Heaven!

He died August 30th, 1906, and was buried at Moon's Chapel in the midst of a host of friends whose tears told of the sorrow of their hearts. Brethren J. L. Smith, D. R. Sears, G. W. Harmon, W. T. Hurst and L. R. Dixon spoke fitting words at the burying. The writer was too far away in a protracted meeting to be present.

I have tried to realize that Brother Edwards is dead, but now I am trying to imagine what joy it will be to see him glorified.

N. H. Shepherd.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by N. H. Shepherd, R. B. Lineberry, D. L. Webster, L. R. Dixon, W. H. H. Lawhon, and J. L. Smith. Adopted and ordered printed in minutes.

G. J. Dowell read a sketch of the life of William C. Petty:

WILLIAM CAREY PETTY.

Major William Carey Petty was born about 58 years ago, and died the 5th day of January, 1906. He was nearly all his life a Christian.

He was for years a successful business man at Manly, and afterwards moved his family to Carthage, and until his death was manager of the Carthage Railroad, which he managed so successfully as to leave it in excellent shape, and his wife and children a very liberal competency.

He was a deacon of his church, superintendent of the Sunday school, trustee of the Baptist University at the time of his death. He was a sweet singer, and a zealous man in his church, faithful to his profession and generous in his contributions to the various objects of the denomination.

After remarks by G. J. Dowell and W. H. H. Lawhon, the sketch was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

Report on Education was read by W. T. Hurst:

EDUCATION.

There are many, many questions in connection with our scheme of education which one might consider. We believe in education because it is the means of elevating the human race, making men and women abler to do and nobler to aspire. Upon this all other objects to a greater or less extent draw for supplies. The improvement of the human mind by means of mental exercise and contact with strong and mature minds is no experiment. That this exercise of the mind should be brought about in close connection with Jesus Christ, the one foundation of right character, stands to reason; since to improve the mind without improving the character is not only vain, but it is dangerous.

As a denomination we believe in Christian education. This is an indefinite expression, but it becomes more definite as we put the emphasis upon the word Christian. Never was there a time when Christian education was so much needed as now. Its mighty power is felt in all of the callings of life. Let us answer to the calling of these young men and women who are ready to give their lives to the service of Christ. Can we contribute to any object that will mean more to us as a denomination, that will give us a happier experience, than in helping young men and women for God's service?

We are to be congratulated that our churches in North Carolina have produced two great Christian institutions of higher education—Wake Forest College and the Baptist University for Women. These institutions are first in their class in the state, but let us not forget our own school, located at Mount Vernon Springs, N. C. Therefore let us patronize our own institution. Has not the time arrived when collections should be taken in our churches regularly for this institution in order that we may have a first-class high school in our Association?

W. T. Hurst,
J. W. White,
D. R. Sears,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by W. T. Hurst, J. W. Little and J. M. Haymore.

Adjourned to 1:00 o'clock p. m.

Collection was taken for Mount Vernon Springs Academy.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Pledges for Education were taken, amounting to $82.75. Report was adopted.

Report on Home Missions was read by J. W. Dixon:

HOME MISSIONS.

The object aimed at and the one thing desired by the Home Mission Board is to be able to have the gospel preached to all the foreigners coming into our South land from the heathen nations of the earth; to the people in Cuba and other islands; to the Mexicans, the Indians in Indian Territory, together with our own people and the negroes who are destitute of the gospel.

When we think of the thousands from China, Italy, Japan and other heathen nations who are annually coming to the South to settle, how essential it appears that we should be able to meet them with the "Good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people."

The Board spent last year in Cuba and other islands something over $20,000; for building churches, $38,000; for the negroes, $9,433; for the Indians, $6,223; for other objects—preaching to foreigners, building schools and other work—about $120,000. But we are not spending as much as is needed, because we do not have the money.

Let us give freely of our means and pray that the Lord of the harvest will send more laborers into the fields which are white unto the harvest; and that he will put into the minds and hearts of the rich to give thousands of their money to the support of His laborers.

J. W. Dixon,
W. I. Brooks,
H. A. Teague,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by J. W. Dixon and D. L. Webster. Pledges were taken amounting to $203.00. The report was adopted.

Letter from Deep Creek was read. Upon request of this letter Deep Creek Church was granted a letter of dismission to join the Montgomery Association.

Report on Prayer Meetings was read by R. B. Lineberry:

PRAYER MEETINGS.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath. Without it he is spiritually lifeless. The fulfillment of God's promises are conditioned upon the asking. When we see the need of the propagation of gospel truth; realize our inefficiency and God's power; His willingness to bestow His power upon those who ask it, why do we not pray? Is it for lack of a desire that God may use us for greater things?

But prayer is more than gratitude, more than a petition—it is communion with God. This communion not only brings God's power into our lives, but brings our lives into harmony with God's life that the bestowal of the power may be effectual. In God's, "two or three gathered together in my name," there is added efficiency implied in united effort.

John the Baptist came to prepare the way for the coming of the Savior, and your committee believes the prayer meeting equally necessary in preparing the way for preaching the gospel.

Are your church members wordly minded? Is your church stirred with internal dissensions? Is your membership lacking in consecrated power to rebuke sin? Is there indifference and failure to contribute to the spread of the gospel? Try a prayer meeting. Are you seemingly doing your outward duties and yet the world is not moved by your lives? Come together "with one accord in one place" and let God try His power through you.

Respectfully submitted,
R. B. Lineberry,
W. J. Hackney,
C. D. Groce,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by R. B. Lineberry. Report was adopted.

Report on Aged Ministers was read by N. H. Shepherd:

AGED MINISTERS RELIEF BOARD.

As a sign of God's approval, this work is growing in favor with His people. Not yet sixteen years since its organization, when it could only help twenty-two beneficiaries about ten dollars a year, now it is helping twenty-six, and giving them more than fifty dollars a year. There are many more who need and are worthy of help through this Board. Rev. C. J. Thompson, at Durham, is president of the Board and J. F. McDuffie is corresponding secretary.

We hope the day is nigh at hand when all who are worthy and need help through this Board, can be helped, and worn-out men may give place to men who are young, active and strong, and only preach when they feel like it.

N. H. Shepherd,
R. F. Andrews,
W. A. Headen,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by N. H. Shepherd and L. R. Dixon. Report was adopted.

On motion, N. H. Shepherd was appointed associational agent of the Relief Board.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by L. R. Dixon:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Believing, as does Bro. Hight C. Moore, Sunday School Secretary, that the Sunday school is the church engaged in studying and teaching the Scriptures, that this work is clearly authorized in the Bible, that it is the richest and ripest field for Christian endeavor at the present time, that our State Convention is seeking wisely to emphasize it as a factor in our development, and that for us as churches and as an Association it presents a wide open door of splendid opportunity, your committee would earnestly recommend:

(1) That all our churches put more life, energy and consecration into this imperative teaching work committed to them. (2) That every Sunday school be kept open, if possible, for every Sunday in the year. (3) That special effort be made by pastors, superintendents, and other workers to enlist in the Sunday school the adult members of our churches as well as an increasing attendance on the part of the children. (4) That we encourage the organization of branch and mission schools whenever practicable, so that a Sunday school may be accessible to every man, woman and child within our associational bounds. (5) That each school send full reports to the Association that the Sunday school table in the minutes may contain complete statistics. (6) That our schools use the literature furnished by our Baptist Sunday School Board, at Nashville, Tenn., ordering the same through our Baptist Book Store, Raleigh, N. C. (7) That we endorse the Sunday School Department of the Baptist State Convention, that we recognize Sunday School Missions as one of our regular objects of benevolence, and that we contribute toward its maintenance and enlargement.

L. R. Dixon,
for Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by L. R. Dixon. Report was adopted.

Report on Libraries was read by D. L. Webster:

LIBRARIES.

It has been truly said, "In the general education of all our people lies the only safeguard against error, in domestic, political and religious life." Our whole country seems awakening to this fact and strenuous efforts are being put forth in every department of education for broader and deeper views of intellectual life; but no great effort is being put forth to train the child and develop his faculties along religious lines.

Every day school is striving to have a free library, that the work of the teacher may be more effectual, because of the course of reading pursued by the pupils. Every church should have a carefully selected library that the spiritual vision of our boys and girls may be developed and that their minds may be so fertile that when the seed (which is the word of God) is sown it may fall into good ground and yield an abundant harvest.

D. L. Webster,
O. B. Stroud,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by D. L. Webster. Report was adopted.

The following resolutions by. William Rogers were read and adopted:

THE SABBATH DAY.

Whereas, various kinds of work are being done on the Sabbath or Lord's day, especially such work as running Sunday trains, publishing and issuing Sunday newspapers, now, therefore:

Resolved, 1st, That we, the Sandy Creek Association, condemn all such desecration as a violation of God's command to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

Resolved, 2nd, That we earnestly request all the associations, presbyteries, conferences, etc., of all religious denominations, together with their ministry and leading men, to co-operate with us in passing resolutions condemning all such work.

Resolved, 3rd, That we earnestly request the press of the state, both religious and secular, to co-operate with us by using their influence against such desecration.

Resolved, 4th, That we earnestly petition our next General Assembly to enact such laws as in their power will tend to inforce the observance of our Sabbath as a day of rest.

Resolved, 5th, That we especially request the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, and Charity and Children to publish these resolutions.

William Rogers.

The Moderator appointed D. L. Webster, J. W. Staley and T. L. Chisholm to memorialize the next Legislature for state prohibition by constitutional amendment, pursuant to a resolution adopted at Association last year.

Report of Trustees of Associational School was read by L. R. Dixon:

TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

We, the trustees of Associational School, in regular session on 16th of April, 1906, re-elected Rev. O. T. Edwards as principal of our school. We also decided to buy the Marsh place, which had been bought by brethren O. T. Edwards and R. H. Dixon and held in trust for the school, for $700.00, the price which brethren Edwards and Dixon paid for it, with interest at six per cent. from date of their purchase.

We have had erected on the land belonging to the school a building 16 x 32 feet, two stories high, four rooms, with brick flue in the center for heaters, which we intend as an ell to a larger building we purpose erecting some time in the future.

We also have under construction and nearly completed, an addition to the old house on Marsh place, 16 x 34 feet, two stories high, with two rooms above and two below. The whole of the building was done at a cost of $659.50.

Rev. O. T. Edwards was appointed as financial agent for the school to raise the money to pay for the Marsh place and do the building necessary. He had in hand at his death cash $217.25, subscriptions to be paid January 1st, 1907, $302.50. We have appointed

L. R. Dixon successor to Rev. Edwards as financial agent for the school.

We have elected Rev. W. T. Hurst principal and he has a good school. There are 52 on roll, 35 of whom are boarding students. Miss Lizzie E. Dixon is assistant, and Miss Belle Stroud is music teacher.

L. R. Dixon,
for Trustees.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by L. R. Dixon and W. T. Hurst. Report was adopted.

Report of Executive Board was read by L. R. Dixon:

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, the Executive Board of the Association, submit the following: We have done nothing except to recommend the appropriation of small amounts by the State Board to Eagle Springs and Flat Springs.

L. R. Dixon,
R. B. Lineberry,
Committee.

Report was adopted.

The Auditing Committee reported as follows, which report was adopted:

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the Treasurer's accounts for 1905. We find that he has received $417.45, and has disbursed $405.95, leaving a balance in the treasury Oct. 3rd, 1906, of $11.50.

J. M. Haymore,
H. H. Jordan,
Committee.

The Treasurer made the following report, which was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT OF CASH RECEIVED.

Minute Fund, from the churches	$ 40.91
Minute Fund, from the Sunday schools	.75
State Missions	54.12
Home Missions	31.78
Foreign Missions	41.73
Sunday School Missions	1.65
Ministerial Education	33.20
Aged Ministers' Relief	5.30
Orphanage	54.89
Collection for Orphanage, Friday's session	8.69
State Missions, collection at Union Meeting at Friendship	7.15
Received from Executive Board, sale of books	3.00
Brought forward from last year, received from Wm. Rogers, Colporter	11.50
Total amount in treasury	$294.67

Vander Liles,
October 6, 1906. Treasurer Sandy Creek Association.

On motion amount in treasury of $14.50 was donated to Mount Vernon Springs for dormitories.

Committee to nominate Executive Board recommended L. R. Dixon, T. L. Chisholm, D. L. Webster, R. B. Lineberry, D. H. Perry. Report was adopted.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, that we, the members of the Sandy Creek Association, desire to express our great appreciation to the Hickory Mountain people for the generous and kindly hospitality given us at this session.

Vander Liles.

The Committee to Nominate Trustees of Associational School reported as follows:

NOMINATION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

We, your Committee to Nominate Trustees for Associational School, beg to recommend the following brethren: J. E. Spence, J. M. Jordan, and R. B. Lineberry.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. Culberson,
J. M. Stinson,
E. L. Perry,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Committee on Place and Preacher reported as follows:

PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT SESSION.

We, your Committee on Place and Preacher for Next Session, recommend May's Chapel as the place and J. M. Haymore to preach the Introductory Sermon, and N. H. Shepherd alternate.

L. R. Dixon,
for Committee.

Adopted.

The Committee to nominate delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention made the following report, which was adopted:

DELEGATE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Your Committee to nominate delegate to Southern Baptist Convention recommends W. H. H. Lawhon, and L. R. Dixon as alternate.

B. B. Phillips,
C. D. Groce,
Wm. Cheek,
Committee.

Report on Colportage was read by the Clerk:

COLPORTAGE.

There must be sowing before there can be reaping, therefore we recommend literature that will instruct and inspire the mind. Our people need Baptist literature to help in meeting some problems which confront us as a denomination. We think the colportage work will, if managed properly, largely meet the deficiency. We recommend that some steps be taken to fill the long neglected and much needed work.

J. L. Smith,
Laban Moon,
P. A. Ferguson,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by J. L. Smith. Report was adopted.

Adjourned. Benediction by W. H. H. Lawhon.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The presbytery appointed by the Association to examine O. B. Mitchell as to call to the ministry, announced that the examination was satisfactory and he was therefore ordained. W. H. H. Lawhon was chairman of the presbytery, N. H. Shepherd secretary. J. L. Smith offered the prayer, W. T. Hurst presented the Bible, L. R. Dixon delivered the charge, and W. H. H. Lwhon preached the sermon.

There was preaching in the old church house also at 11:00 o'clock by W. T. Hurst.

Collections for State Missions from both congregations amounted to $8.11.

There was preaching in the old church house Friday afternon by G. J. Dowell, Friday night in church by W. H. H. Lawhon, and Saturday afternoon in old house by J. L. Smith.

STATEMENT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1905-1906.

SOCIETIES	Number of Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Box Fund	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Aberdeen	15	$ 11 25	$ 11 70	$ 15 50	$.......	$.	$......	$ 38 45
Bethany	10	1 50	3 15	3 30	2 05	....	....	10 00
Cameron	9	12 70	12 60	45 78	....	....	....	71 08
Carthage	14	16 90	6 55	21 75	....	....	1 00	46 20
Carthage Wil'g W'k'rs	20	3 65	....	9 42	....	....	4 73	17 80
Jonesboro	26	11 00	10 00	7 00	....	....	....	28 00
Pittsboro	14	14 00	24 20	15 30	....	50 00	....	103 50
Sanford	18	9 95	16 00	8 95	....	....	5 50	40 40
Siler City	.....	12 00	12 65	26 00	.. ..	....	1 70	52 35
Total	126	$ 92 95	$ 96 85	$153 00	$ 2 05	$ 50 00	$ 12 93	$ 407 78

STATEMENT OF THE SUNBEAM SOCIETIES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1905-1906.

SOCIETIES	Number of Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Box Fund	Tota Contributions
Cameron	12	$ 3 10	$.......	$ 7 75	$.......	$.....	$ 10 85
Carthage	19	....	6 52	8 52	....	......	15 04
Jonesboro	15	2 80	....	....	....	.....	2 80
Pittsboro	15	2 50	1 00	2 50	2 50	9 00	17 50
Total	61	$ 8 40	$ 7 52	$ 18 77	$ 2 50	$9 00	$ 46 19

SECTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

FIRST SECTION.

Brush Creek,
Mechanics' Hill,
Mount Pleasant,
Union Grove,
Moon's Chapel,
Sandy Creek,
Tyson's Creek,
Beulah,
Staley,
Fork Creek,
Deep River,
Fall Creek,
Pine Grove.

SECOND SECTION.

Emmaus,
New Salem,
Siler City,
Mount Olive,
Rocky River,
Rock Springs,
Love's Creek,
Hickory Mountain,
Pittsboro.

THIRD SECTION.

Bear Creek,
May's Chapel,
Gum Springs,
Sandy Branch,
Rives' Chapel,
Mineral Springs,
Bethany,
Flat Springs.

FOURTH SECTION.

Aberdeen,
Jonesboro,
Carthage,
Eagle Springs,
Cool Springs,
Cameron,
Flint Hill,
Friendship,
Ephesus,
Sanford,
Bethlehem,
Southern Pines,
Pinebluff.

CHURCHES	Time of Preaching	PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Reported Last Year
Aberdeen	4th	J. M. Haymore, Sanford	A. F. Yates, Aberdeen		2			3		14	27	41	42
Bear Creek	3rd	W. H.H.Lawhon, Carthage,r.f.d.	B. B. Stinson, Goldston	11	2	3		3	4	73	125	198	191
Bethany	2nd	O. T. Edwards*	J. T. Paschal, Goldston	12	2		7		2	39	74	113	108
Bethlehem	3rd	G. J. Dowell, Carthage	John A. Fry, Carthage	9			6		1	86	146	232	232
Beulah	1st	W.H H. Lawhon,Carthage,r.f.d.	H. C. Lambert, Joseph	3						54	57	111	108
Biscoe	3rd	W. M. Bostic, Onvil	W. C. Wright, Biscoe		3				1	7	8	15	13
Brush Creek	1st	O. T. Edwards*	W. R. Welch, Ore Hill	35	4	2	1			79	81	160	119
Cameron	1st	G. J. Dowell, Carthage	C. P. Rogers, Cameron	14	13		1			54	45	99	74
Carthage	3rd	G. J. Dowell, Carthage	W. Gentry Jennings, Carthage		5		3		1	42	59	101	100
Cool Springs	2nd	W.H. H. Lawhon, Carthage,r.f.d.	E. M. Judd, Sanford, r.f.d.	13	11		7			40	52	92	74
Deep Creek	3rd	W. A. Barrett	John L. Caddell, Keyser							5	8	13	
Deep River		J. L. Smith, Siler City	Miss Callie Davis, Coleridge	3	1					7	16	23	19
Eagle Springs	4th	W.H. H. Lawhon, Carthage,r.f.d.	J. A. Desern, Eagle Springs	1						11	17	28	29
Emmaus	4th	L. R. Dixon, Goldston	G. M. Clark, Pittsboro, r.f.d.	7	2					57	81	138	128
Ephesus	3rd	J. M. Henly, Sanford, r.f.d.	T. J. Savage, Sanford, r.f.d.	4	3	1	2			11	16	27	21
Fall Creek	3rd	J. L. Smith, Siler City	J. W. Brewer, Fall Creek	25	1	2	2	5	2	130	147	277	256
Fork Creek	2nd	M. J. Leach, Lassiter	E. B. Leach, Erect							5	4	9	
Flat Springs	4th	N. H. Shepherd, Lindhurst	J. J. Hackney, Lockville	5					1	8	8	16	
Flint Hill		H. M. Ingram, Star	O. T. Maness, Leaman				2			16	23	39	
Friendship													
Gum Springs	3rd	T. Y. Seymour. Wake Forest	M. T. Wilkie, Moncure	10		2	11	2	5	63	107	170	176
Hickory Mountain	3rd	L. R. Dixon, Goldston	N. B. Justice, Kimbolton		2		4	1		54	46	100	103
Jonesboro	4th	G. J. Dowell, Carthage	D. O. Bryan, Sanford	4	14		4		2	42	69	111	99
Love's Creek	4th	O. T. Edwards*	J. L. Gilliland, Siler City	6	5	1	6	2	4	72	124	196	180
May's Chapel	1st	L. R. Dixon, Goldston	W. H. Gilmore, Goldston	6	4		4	1	3	42	56	98	98
Mechanics' Hill													
Mineral Springs	3rd	O. T. Edwards*	H. S. Edwards, Ore Hill	12	2		6		2	28	48	76	79
Moon's Chapel	2nd	J. L. Smith, Siler City	E. L. Vestal, Jordan						3	21	34	55	57
Mount Olive	1st	N. H. Shepherd, Lindhurst	S. M. Lewis, Saxapahaw, r.f.d.	19		1	12	1	1	67	95	162	162
Mount Pleasant	1st	J. A. Hackney, Heartshorn	Geo. J. Williams, Staley					1		8	26	34	35
New Salem	1st	W. T. Hurst, Mt. Vernon Spr'gs	E. L. Perry, Bynum		5		2	3		15	31	46	45
Pinebluff	1, 2, 3, 4	S. A. Ives, Pinebluff		1								14	13
Pine Grove	4th	F. L. Fiddler, High Point	B. Deaton, Swinton				1			21	21	42	
Pittsboro	3rd	L. M. Hobbs, Pittsboro	J. W. Moore. Pittsboro		8	1	2		2	20	28	48	43
Rives' Chapel	2nd	L. R. Dixon, Goldston	C. W. Oliver, Millwood	10	3		3	1	4	52	76	128	121
Rocky River	3rd	N. H. Shepherd, Lindhurst	J. W. Teague, Siler City, r.f.d.	7	6	1	3	1		46	69	115	98
Rock Springs		O. B. Mitchell, Mt.Vernon Spr'gs	P. T Farrell, Pittsboro	7	1		1		1	23	28	51	49
Sandy Branch	4th	L. M. Hobbs, Pittsboro	T. G. Ivey, Bear Creek	11		1	1		1	62	80	142	132
Sandy Creek	3rd	J. A. Hackney, Kimesville	P. H. Frazier, Staley				2	8	2	24	42	66	68
Sanford	1st, 3rd	J. M. Haymore, Sanford	E. D. Nall, Sanford	5	3		11	1	1	44	78	122	127
Siler City	2nd	G. J. Dowell, Carthage	C. N. Bray, Siler City		3		1			37	52	89	88
Staley	4th	J. L. Smith, Siler City	C. P. Fox, Staley	1					1	10	8	18	18
Southern Pines													
Tyson's Creek	2nd	N. H. Shepherd, Lindhurst	L. Moon, Harper's Crossroads	3			1			25	47	72	72
Union Grove	1st	J. L. Smith, Siler City	G. F. Garner, Seagrove	7		2	3	25	3	46	102	148	170
Total				251	105	17	109	58	47	1560	2261	3835	3548

*Deceased.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1905–1906.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Improvem'nts	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Old Ministers' Relief	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Grand Total
Aberdeen	$ 175 00	$ 84 10	$ 20 00	$ 25 09	$ 24 06	$ 17 45	$ 18 23	$	$ 22 34	$	$ 2 50	$ 1 25	$ 50 00	$ 440 02
Bear Creek	100 00	. . . .	17 00	. . .	10 00	5 00	12 00	. . . .	15 00	2 00	2 50	75	. . . .	164 25
Bethany	53 00	. . . .	. . . .	9 56	9 50	6 10	8 30	. . . .	13 11	3 11	1 67	1 35	27 31	133 01
Bethlehem	100 00	15 00	. . . .	6 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	. . . .	7 00	2 00	. . . .	1 20	25 00	171 20
Beulah	50 00	. . . .	. . . .	2 00	2 50	1 00	2 25	. . . .	5 00	1 00	. . .	1 80	. . . .	65 55
Biscoe	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	5 00	2 50	2 50	. . . .	2 90	. . .	. . . .	60	. . . .	13 50
Brush Creek	80 00	. . . .	. . . .	12 01	7 50	5 00	10 00	. . . .	10 00	3 00	2 00	1 20	. . . .	130 71
Cameron	200 10	. . . .	6 55	41 63	40 80	32 60	245 37	. . . .	105 72	4 25	10 00	1 00	15 00	703 02
Carthage	200 00	110 00	149 50	58 75	45 55	25 07	54 69	. . . .	61 01	5 00	5 00	1 50	27 00	743 07
Cool Springs	100 00	250 00	. . . .	5 04	14 44	4 00	5 99	. . . .	21 98	2 31	1 65	1 50	. . . .	406 91
Deep Creek	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	50	. . . .	50
Deep River	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	2 50	50	. . . .	1 00	. . . .	1 50	. . . .	. . . .	50	. . . .	6 00
Eagle Springs	80 00	. . . .	9 00	4 25	2 18	2 72	3 95	. . . .	5 00	3 00	1 10	50	. . . .	111 70
Emmaus	100 00	. . . .	8 50	4 93	4 60	. . . .	4 30	. . . .	12 10	70	1 60	1 40	. . . .	138 13
Ephesus	. . . .	. . . .	6 84	3 55	1 87	1 06	1 62	. . . .	2 43	. . . .	32	85	. . . .	18 54
Fall Creek	. . . .	. . . .	7 00	. . . .	6 00	3 81	10 00	. . . .	10 00	. . . .	. . . .	2 08	5 15	44 04
Flat Springs	125 00	514 25	13 60	6 53	3 05	2 00	5 26	. . . .	2 38	2 55	1 00	50	16 65	692 77
Flint Hill	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Fork Creek	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	3 25	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	40	. . . .	3 65
Friendship	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Gum Springs	100 00	300 00	. . . .	5 00	7 25	5 00	10 00	. . . .	10 03	7 50	. . . .	1 60	13 25	459 63
Hickory Mountain	80 00	. . . .	40 00	4 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	. . . .	15 00	1 20	1 00	1 10	. . . .	155 30
Jonesboro	200 00	100 00	48 50	28 92	19 77	14 23	14 00	. . . .	40 22	7 00	5 00	2 00	148 00	627 64
Love's Creek	100 00	25 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	6 00	15 00	. . . .	15 00	2 00	2 00	1 80	. . . .	191 80
May's Chapel	100 00	. . . .	. . . .	5 00	5 00	5 00	7 00	. . . .	10 00	10 50	. . . .	1 25	. . . .	143 75
Mechanics' Hill	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Mineral Springs	80 00	. . . .	. . . .	6 75	10 27	5 00	10 00	. . . .	19 55	5 00	5 00	1 30	95 60	238 47
Moon's Chapel	45 00	. . . .	16 85	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	. . . .	8 00	2 00	. . . .	75	. . . .	82 60
Mount Olive	100 00	33 47	66 00	5 08	10 53	3 28	5 07	. . . .	13 24	3 89	1 11	60	14 00	256 27
Mount Pleasant	40 00	150 00	. . . .	2 00	. . . .	85	. . . .	. . . .	2 00	. . . .	. . . .	35	. . . .	195 20
New Salem	50 00	2 55	. . . .	2 31	3 26	1 76	1 81	. . . .	3 36	1 76	. . . .	1 00	. . . .	67 81
Pinebluff	. . . .	. . . .	73 68	10 40	. . . .	1 50	1 50	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	50	2 25	89 83
Pine Grove	50 00	50 00	. . . .	90	. . . .	. . . .	1 66	. . . .	4 20	. . . .	. . . .	60	. . . .	107 36
Pittsboro	200 00	. . . .	22 99	6 74	44 00	99 70	43 00	2 00	70 45	7 50	5 62	1 20	161 45	664 65
Rives' Chapel	80 00	237 64	. . . .	4 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	. . . .	6 00	2 41	90	50	17 14	363 59
Rock Springs	50 00	. . . .	. . . .	3 25	1 10	2 50	2 00	. . . .	2 00	. . . .	1 27	1 00	. . . .	63 12
Rocky River	100 00	. . . .	39 38	4 80	8 66	6 65	6 41	. . . .	20 00	5 09	4 84	85	44 00	240 68
Sandy Branch	110 00	. . . .	65 20	5 52	3 00	2 50	18 33	. . . .	3 58	10 00	. . . .	1 47	. . . .	219 60
Sandy Creek	50 00	. . . .	. . . .	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	. . . .	1 00	. . . .	. . . .	51	5 00	64 51
Sanford	700 00	72 00	50 00	38 16	40 00	10 00	20 00	. . . .	73 50	8 00	. . . .	1 25	70 00	1082 91
Siler City	200 00	. . . .	30 00	33 16	22 00	22 65	41 00	. . . .	25 00	. . . .	. . . .	1 00	1 70	376 51
Southern Pines	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Staley	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	5 00	2 56	1 00	3 28	25	3 40	1 00	1 50	75	. . . .	18 74
Tyson's Creek	75 00	250 00	2 00	12 00	9 79	5 00	6 42	2 40	10 02	2 00	2 90	55	15 58	393 66
Union Grove	60 00	. . . .	6 00	5 00	2 50	3 21	2 50	. . . .	5 00	1 00	. . . .	85	18 75	104 81
Total	$3933 10	$2194 01	$ 708 59	$ 381 83	$ 398 49	$ 321 14	$ 613 44	$ 4 65	$ 658 02	$ 106 77	$ 60 48	$ 41 66	$ 772 83	$ 10195 01

PLEDGES OF CHURCHES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1906-1907.

CHURCHES	Orphanage	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Home Missions
Aberdeen	$ 30 00	$ 15 00	$ 15 00	$.......	$.......
Bear Creek	18 00	10 00	15 00	2 00	5 00
Bethany	15 00	5 00	8 00	2 00	8 00
Bethlehem	9 00	6 00	5 00	....	....
Beulah	5 00	5 00	2 50	1 00	1 00
Biscoe	2 50	5 00	3 00	2 50	2 00
Brush Creek	12 00	9 00	10 00	4 00	6 00
Cameron	80 00	40 00	50 00	5 00	30 00
Carthage	40 00	25 00	25 00	....	....
Cool Springs	15 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	5 00
Deep Creek	....	....	....	....	....
Deep River	1 50	50	1 00	....	....
Eagle Springs	6 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	2 00
Emmaus	10 00	4 00	5 00	....	2 00
Ephesus	....	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Fall Creek	10 00	7 00	10 00	2 00	4 00
Flat Springs	5 00	5 00	2 50	....	....
Flint Hill	....	....	....	....	....
Fork Creek	1 00	1 50	....	....	....
Friendship	....	....	....	....	....
Gum Springs	9 00	7 50	10 00	7 50	5 00
Hickory Mountain	15 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	3 00
Jonesboro	25 00	12 50	15 00	6 00	12 00
Love's Creek	20 00	10 00	16 00	2 00	6 00
May's Chapel	10 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	5 00
Mechanics' Hill	....	....	....	....	....
Mineral Springs	10 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	5 00
Moon's Chapel	10 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	4 00
Mount Olive	10 00	7 50	6 00	1 00	3 00
Mount Pleasant	3 00	1 50	2 00	75	2 00
New Salem	2 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Pinebluff	....	....	....	....	....
Pine Grove	5 00	3 00	2 00	....	....
Pittsboro	40 00	35 00	35 00	7 50	37 50
Rives' Chapel	7 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	5 00
Rocky River	10 00	6 00	5 00	1 50	3 00
Rock Springs	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00
Sandy Branch	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	3 50
Sandy Creek	2 00	2 00	2 00	....	2 00
Sanford	100 00	50 00	100 00	10 00	20 00
Siler City	30 00	15 00	15 00	5 00	15 00
Southern Pines	....	....	....	....	....
Staley	3 00	2 00	2 00	....	1 00
Tyson's Creek	11 00	8 00	8 00	2 00	6 00
Union Grove	6 00	3 00	3 00	....	2 00
William Rogers	....	....	100 00	....	....
Total	$595 50	$341 00	$515 00	$ 82 75	$218 00

Constitution of Sandy Creek Baptist Associaiion.

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of members not exceeding three in number from each Church, chosen by the different Churches in our union, together with such ordained ministers as may hold their membership with Churches belonging to this Association.

Art. 2. The application of any Church for membership shall be referred to a committee, who shall examine its church covenant and articles of faith, and upon favorable report may be admitted as a constituent member of this body.

Art. 3. In letters from the different Churches shall be expressed the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and has died since last Association; also the total number in fellowship, together with the contributions forwarded.

Art. 4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any Church belonging to the union, but shall sit only as an advisory council.

Art. 5. The Association shall elect a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, annually, by the suffrages of members present; a majority of the ballots cast being necessary to decide the choice.

Art. 6. There shall be appointed by the Association at each annual session an Executive Board, to consist of five members, whose duty shall be to solicit funds for the support of a missionary or missionaries to labor in such destitute portions of the Association as they may designate, and to disburse such funds as may be sent up to the Association for this purpose, drawing upon the Treasurer of the Association for any amount in his hands for this field of labor. It shall also be their duty upon the death of any of their members, or of the Treasurer of the Association, to fill such vacancies.

Art. 7. The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any Church in her union who shall knowingly and willfully violate the Constitution, or depart from the orthodox principles of religion.

Art. 8. Amendments to this Constitution shall be made only by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the Association present.

The following resolution was passed [illegible] the 128th annual session at Mount Olive, Chatham County, September, 1886:

Resolved, That the ordained Baptist ministers present at each session of this Association be, and they are, hereby appointed a presbytery for the purpose of examining into and passing upon the qualifications and fitness for the gospel ministry all such candidates as the Churches may from time to time recommend (by letter) to this Association for ordination.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

The Sandy Creek Sunday School Association met with the church at Jonesboro, N. C., Friday before the fifth Sunday in April, 1906.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by E. Y. Pool from Eccl. 9:10.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Jno. E. Ray, after which the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, L. R. Dixon.

The Clerk being absent, N. H. Shepherd was elected Clerk pro tem.

The roll of churches was called and the following delegates were enrolled:

Cameron—T. E. Petty.
Carthage—Geo. J. Dowell.
Cool Springs—C. D. Gross, R. A. Gross, Miss Maggie Hilliard.
Gum Springs—S. J. Harmon, C. C. Poe, R. H. Fitchett.
Hickory Mountain—Miss Ola Dorsett.
Jonesboro—W. W. Moore, W. I. Brooks.
Mineral Springs—O. T. Edwards, R R. Moore.
May's Chapel—J. W. White, N. A. Gilmore, Walter B. Clark.
Pittsboro—By letter.
Rocky River—L. W. Edwards.
Sanford—E. Y. Pool, Joseph Rogers, W. S. Temple.
Sandy Branch—G. W. Womble.
Siler City—D. L. Webster, J. J. Jenkins, Miss Eulalia Jordan.
Tyson's Creek—J. J. Moon.

Flat Springs Sunday School (a newly organized church near Lockville) applied for membership. On motion it was received, and the names of delegates A. C. Bridges and C. M. Holt were enrolled.

Pastors present during sessions: G. J. Dowell, E. Y. Pool, J. W. Little, L. R. Dixon, N. H. Shepherd, O. T. Edwards, R. R. Moore, W. H. H. Lawhon.

Superintendents present: W. W. Moore, Jonesboro; D. L. Webster, Siler City; A. C. Bridges, Flat Springs; W. D. Thomas, Gum Springs.

Visitors present: Archibald Johnson, Thomasville; Jno. E. Ray, Raleigh.

L. R. Dixon was elected Moderator, and N. H. Shepherd was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

The program as prepared by G. J. Dowell was read and adopted, subject to change.

''What is an ideal Sunday school?'' was discussed by N. H. Shepherd and Jno. E. Ray and answered in the following summary: Pastor always present; every officer and teacher present; every parent and church member present; every person on time and lessons prepared; evergreen and ever growing; music perfect; contribution every Sunday; everybody loving and praying for each other.

''Is not the Sunday school the ripest and richest field for Christian labor?'' Discussed by J. W. Little and D. L. Webster. Answered by E. Y. Pool affirmatively, ''It is.''

FRIDAY NIGHT.

Devotional exercises were conducted by W. H. H. Lawhon, after which the Moderator called the meeting to order.

Visitors were welcomed and L. Johnson, of Raleigh, responded.

''What are the greatest needs of our Sunday schools and how can we supply them?'' Discussed by Jno. E. Ray and A. Johnson, and answered as follows: An attractive and comfortable place; equipped with a knowledge of the Bible; development of spirit of missions and Christian character; money.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Religious exercises were conducted by R. R. Moore, after which the Moderator called the meeting to order.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

G. J. Dowell read an interesting letter from C. V. Brooks. The meeting ordered that Bro. Dowell answer the letter.

On motion, G. J. Dowell was authorized to draft resolutions of regret at E. Y. Pool's removal from the Association.

Committee on Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of Jonesboro Church.

Committee on Place and Preacher—W. H. H. Lawhon, A. C. Bridges and J. W. White.

''How shall we enlist the sympathy and co-operation of every church member?'' Discussed by D. L. Webster and L. Johnson, and answered by the Moderator as follows: By earnest solicitation and thorough preparation and faithful work on the part of superintendent, teacher and pupils.

''The needs of the Sunday school and how to raise money.'' Discussed by C. H. Teague, A. Johnson and J. W. Little, and answered by A. Johnson as follows: 'Let everyone lay by in store upon the first day of the week,'' etc.

The subject of ''Sunday School Music'' was spoken on by A. Johnson.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Committee on Place and Preacher reported, and recommended Beulah as the church for the next meeting, W. M. Bostic as preacher and R. R. Moore alternate.

''Teachers' meetings'' were discussed by G. J. Dowell and R. R. Moore, and answered as follows: They are to be encouraged and are helpful by contact.

The subject, ''How to teach the class,'' was spoken to by H. M. Nicholson, and answered by Bro. Dowell as follows: ''To interest, instruct and lead to Jesus.''

J. W. Hartsell, of Anson County, was welcomed to a seat.

''The teacher's duty to the unconverted'' was spoken to by W. H. H. Lawhon, O. T. Edwards, and L. R. Dixon, and answered thus: ''Let them know that we are interested in them and labor for their conversion.''

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that we, the delegates and visitors present, tender our hearty and sincere thanks to the town of Jonesboro and community and to the Jonesboro Church for their royal hospitality.

Adjourned.

SUNDAY.

A presbytery, consisting of the pastors present, after adjournment examined Elias Dodson Poe, and on Sunday morning he was set apart to the full work of the gospel ministry. L. Johnson preached the ordination sermon, L. R. Dixon prayed, W. H. H. Lawhon delivered the charge, and R. R. Moore presented the Bible.

Preaching Sunday afternoon by W. H. H. Lawhon, and at night by L. Johnson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1905–1906.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Enrolled	Average Attendance	Months Kept Open	Volumes in Library	Quarterlies & Papers Taken	School Expenses	Other Objects
Aberdeen	J. A. Bryant, Aberdeen	6	50	30	12		104	$ 25 09	$ 7 00
Bear Creek	B. B. Stinson, Goldston	6	60	41			66		
Bethany	D. E. Murchison, Gulf	6	40	25	12		77	9 56	3 01
Bethlehem	N. A. Hannon, Carthage		50	30				6 00	
Beulah	H. C. Lambert, Joseph	8	93	60	8			2 00	
Brush Creek	J. E. Spence, Cole's Store	8	113	56	9		306	12 01	
Cameron	C. H. Teague, Cameron	9	90	50	12	100	100	41 63	77 03
Carthage	H. F. Seawell, Carthage	5	96	65	12	120	170	58 75	59 28
Cool Springs	D. H. Perry, Sanford	7	72	40	12		66	5 04	4 74
Deep River	H. F. Brown, Coleridge	4	40	40	6		50	2 50	
Deep Creek		2	20						
Eagle Springs	J. A. Desern, Eagle Springs	5	34		12		39	4 25	
Emmaus	J. R. Ellington, Hadley	7	103	55			85	4 93	
Ephesus	T. J. Savage, Sanford, r.f.d	4	23	11	12	40	28	6 84	5 01
Fall Creek	Mary S. Tally, Bear Creek, r.f.d	6	75	70	6			2 15	
Flat Springs	A. C. Bridges, Lockville	7	75	50	12		65	6 53	
Gum Springs	W. D. Thomas, Lockville	6	52	25	12		50	5 00	
Hickory Mountain	E. V. Straughan, Siler City, r.f.d	5	60	40	12		125	4 00	
Jonesboro	W. W. Moore, Jonesboro	8	63	35	12	123	60	28 92	52 91
Love's Creek	H. A. Teague, Siler City	7	50	30	6		100	5 00	
May's Chapel		7	50	20	12	52	50	5 00	
Mineral Springs	O. B. Stroud, Ore Hill	6	75	40	12		90	6 75	5 55
Moon's Chapel	H. H. Jordan, Jordan	4	25	20	4			2 00	
Mount Olive	R. F. Andrews, Manndale	9	78	65	12		65	5 00	
New Salem	W. A. Cheek, Pittsboro	7	30	20	9		93	2 31	
Pinebluff	Mrs. F. T. Spinney, Pinebluff	5	20	13		200		10 40	
Pine Grove	M. E. Myrick, Swinton	5	20					90	
Pittsboro	J. L. Griffin, Pittsboro	6	50	35	12	62	60	6 74	21 50
Rives' Chapel	C. M. Webster, Ore Hill	8	66	37	6			4 00	
Rocky River	W. C. Teague, Siler City	7	50	34	12		60	4 80	
Rock Springs	Norman Phillips, Pittsboro	5	36	25	6		45		
Sandy Branch	B. B. Webster, Causey	7	89	51	9		96	5 52	
Sandy Creek	R. L. Alexander, Ramseur	6	50	35	6		75	5 00	
Sanford	T. L. Chisholm, Sanford	8	125	78	12		175	38 16	52 12
Siler City	D. L. Webster, Siler City	9	115	58	12	50	190	33 16	20 00
Staley	C. G. Frazier, Staley	6	70	36	12		70	5 00	
Tyson's Creek	B. B. Phillips, Bear Creek	6	72	45	12		50	12 00	
Union Grove	Neil Dunlap, Spencerville	10	52	31	6	50	62	5 00	

Constituion of the Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

Article 1. This body shall be denominated and known as the Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

Art. 2. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom in the prosecution of the Sunday school work.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of brethren or sisters chosen by the Sunday schools connected with it, each school being entitled to three delegates. Ministers who are members or pastors of Churches connected with the schools of this body and superintendents of such schools shall be considered members ex-officio.

Art. 4. The delegates from each school shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving a full account of the condition of the school (as required in the blanks) and a statement of all the funds contributed by the school during the past year.

Art. 5. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, and a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually and continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce order, appoint committees, decide questions of order, etc., and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the schools.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the schools or collected during the session of the body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association, and make an annual report of his work to the body.

Art. 9. Any Sunday school desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose.

Art. 10. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

Art. 11. The annual session shall be held on Friday and Saturday before the first fifth Sunday after the first day of March.

Art. 12. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached during each session an introductory sermon, also an annual sermon on Sunday.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

W. J. Hackney

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. M. Bostick	Biscoe, N. C.
J. L. Cook	Southern Pines, N. C.
L. R. Dixon	Mt. Vernon Springs, N. C.
C. L. Dowell	Carthage, N. C.
P. A. Ferguson	Lambsville, N. C.
S. W. Fuquay	Eagle, Springs, N. C.
G. W. Harmon	Ore Hill, N. C.
J. N. Hartsell	Cameron, N. C.
J. M. Haymore	Sanford, N. C.
J. M. Henley,	R. F. D. No. 3, Sanford, N. C.
R. H. Herring	Siler City, N. C.
W. T. Hurst	Wake Forest, N. C.
S. A. Ives	Pinebluff, N. C.
W. H. H. Lawhon	R. F. D. No. 1, Carthage, N. C.
John Lewis	Southern Pines, N. C.
R. B. Lineberry,	Manndale, N. C.
J. W. Little	Jonesboro, N. C.
A. H. Mance	Southern Pines, N. C.
O. B. Mitchell	Wake Forest, N. C.
R. R. Moore	Ore Hill, N. C.
E. D. Poe	Wake Forest, N. C.
W. D. Poe	Bunn, N. C.
D. R. Sears	Siler City, N. C.
A. K. Scotten	Coleridge, N. C.
T. Y Seymour	Wake Forest, N. C.
J. L. Smith	Siler City, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

L. R. Dixon	Goldston, N. C.
T. L. Chisholm	Sanford, N. C.
D. L. Webster	Siler City, N. C.
R. B. Lineberry	Manndale, N. C.
D. H. Perry	Sanford, N. C.

TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

W. A. Headen	1910	J. M. Jordan	1909
E. D. Nall	1910	R. H. Herring	1909
I. H. Dunlap	1910	W. H. H. Lawhon	1908
J. E. Spence	1909	L. R. Dixon	1908
R. P. Johnson	1908.		

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SANDY CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Mays Chapel, N. C., October 3rd, 1907.

The Sandy Creek Baptist Association met in its 149th annual session with the church at Mays Chapel, Chatham county, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. M. Haymore, from John 14:12.

After an intermission of one hour, the Association was opened with devotional exercises by W. H. H. Lawhon.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, the reading of letters was dispensed with and W. H. H. Lawhon and C. H. Smith read list of delegates from the different churches and the following are enrolled :

Aberdeen—Letter, no delegates.
Bear Creek—C. W. Elkins, W. B. Cheek.
Bethany—W. H. Tyler, D. E. Murchison, S. P. Moore.
Bethlehem—Letter, no delegates.
Beulah—J. C. Caviness, L. W. Lambert, R. B. Kidd.
Biscoe—W. M. Bostic, B. D. Drake.
Brush Creek—R. L. Dorsett, J. A. Ellis, J. R. Lambert.
Cameron—Chas. H Teague, Rufus C. Thomas.
Carthage—W. W. Fry, C. L. Dowell.
Cool Springs—Thos Groce, D. H. Perry, J. H. Henley.
Deep River—W. W. Caviness.
Eagle Springs—D. L. Britt, J. W. Dixon.
Emmaus—J. W. Cheek, R. M. Clark.
Ephesus—J. M. Tysor, H. W. Oldham.
Fall Creek—R. T. Smith.
Flat Springs—A. C. Bridges, O. E. Seawell.
Flint Hill—Duncan Garner, J. F. Stutts.
Fork Creek—Letter, no delegates.
Friendship—N. J. Muse, J. H. Fields.
Gum Springs—W. A. Copeland, C. E. Lasater.
Hickory Mountain—W. A. Headen, N. B. Justice, R. S. Clark.
Jonesboro—G. M. Stewart, S. N. Liles.
Love's Creek—R. D. Smith, Jno. S. Teague, H. A. Teague.
Mays Chapel—J. W. White, H. R. Harward, Archie Oldham.
Mechanics Hill—J. F. Pool, Levi Maness.
Mineral Springs—Dr. O. B. Stroud, E. W. Adcock.

Moon's Chapel—J. M. Jordan, Thomas G. Lane.
Mt. Olive—J. S. Thomas, W. M. Ellington.
Mt. Pleasant—James Williams, O. H. Welch.
New Salem—E. L. Perry, W. H. Dean.
Pinebluff—not represented.
Pine Grove—D. B. Lasater, Elias Freeman.
Pittsboro—R. P. Johnson, J. L. Griffin, G. P. Elmore.
Rives Chapel—W. V. Cheek, C. M. Webster, A. J. Temple.
Rock Springs—Wm. Cooper, P. T. Farrell, Thomas Jones.
Rocky River—Gaston Andrews, Z. C. Johnson.
Sandy Branch—G. G. Emerson, J. W. Phillips, J. D. Norwood.
Sandy Creek—R. L. Alexander, Cleveland Williams, E.A. McMasters.
Sanford—C. H. Smith, T. L. Chisholm, W. C. Wicker.
Siler City—D. L. Webster, A. W. Jordan.
Staley—C. G. Frazier, J. W. Staley, C. P. Fox.
Southern Pines—Letter, no delegates.
Tyson's Creek—B. B. Phillips, J. L. McManus, H. M. Phillips.
Union Grove—W. L. Stutts, J. S. Hancock.

Ministers present: W. H. H, Lawhon, J. M. Haymore, R. R. Moore, L. R. Dixon, C. L. Dowell, R H. Herring, W. M. Bostic, G. W. Harmon, R. B. Lineberry.

Visitors present: Braxton Craige, State Evangelist; C. W. Blanchard and S. W. Hall, of Biblical Recorder; H. C. Moore, Sunday school Secretary; S. F. Conrad, of N. C. Baptist.

On motion of W. H. H. Lawhon, R. P. Johnson was elected Moderator by acclamation. On motion of J. M. Haymore, R. B. Lineberry was elected Clerk by acclamation. On motion, F. L. Chisholm was elected Treasurer.

A cordial welcome extended by L. R. Dixon was responded to by J. L. Griffin.

A newly constituted church at Antioch petitioned for membership in the Association. Referred to the following committee: W. H. H. Lawhon, L. R. Dixon, R. R. Moore.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Order of Business—R. H. Herring, J. M. Haymore, J. L. Griffin.
Periodicals—W. H. H. Lawhon, Dr. O. B. Stroud, N. J. Muse.
Temperance—L. R. Dixon, C. H. Smith, W. A. Headen.
Education—R. B. Lineberry, R. R. Moore, S. N. Liles.
Foreign Missions—J. M. Haymore, N. B. Justice, W. V. Cheek.
Home Missions—C. L. Dowell, Z. C. Johnson, John S. Teague.
State Missions—D. L. Webster, B. B. Phillips, Chas. H. Teague.
Orphanage—R. H. Herring, W. H. Tyler, R. W. Kidd.
Prayer Meetings—W. M. Bostic, C. D. Groce, H. B. Lambert.
Sunday Schools—T. L. Chisholm, J. S. Thomas, J. D. Norwood.
Aged Ministers—G. W. Harmon, S. P. Moore D. H. Perry.
Sunday School Libraries—J. W. Dixon, J. R. Lambert, P. T. Farrell.
Committee on Digest—W. H. H. Lawhon, C. L. Dowell, L. R. Dixon.
Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons Mays Chapel.

Report on Periodicals is read by W. H. H. Lawhon:

PERIODICALS.

The power of the press for good or evil can not be overestimateds Its value is universally recognized and its power is invoked in behalf of every enterprise; indeed it is well nigh impossible to promote any cause without the help of the newspaper. We largely depend on its column. for the diffusion of knowledge.

Over seventy years ago the Baptists of North Carolina recognized the value of the religious newspaper and adopted the Biblical Recorder as the organ of the denomination in the State. In this the fathers made no mistake; as the growth and success of the denomination has been wonderful in the State for the last seventy years and our success is due largely to the influence of the Recorder. The Recorder has always been a sound Baptist paper, faithfully advocating and defending our faith and practices; it has been a most helpful agent in every department of our denominational work and life.

The Recorder was never better than it is now and we never needed it more than now. If we were deprived of its mighty influence, we would be greatly crippled in our work. The Recorder is our organ, we cannot afford to do without it, and it is worthy of the best support we can give it; therefore we commend it to all of our people.

Your committee with pleasure commends the North Carolina Baptist as a paper ably edited, sound in the faith and loyal to our denominational work. We also heartily commend Charity and Children to our people as the best orphanage paper we know of, and it should be in every Baptist home in the State. We cannot better promote the interests of the Orphanage than by increasing the circulation of Charity and Children.

We very heartily endorse the periodicals and Sunday School literature published by our Board in Nashville, Tenn., and urge all of our Sunday Schools to use these publications.

The Foreign Mission Journal and Our Home Field should be read and supported by all of our people.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. H. Lawhon,
for Committee.

On motion to adopt remarks were made by W. H. H. Lawhon, C. W. Blanchard, J. M. Haymore R. R. Moore and S. F. Conrad. Report is adopted.

The committee on Order of Business makes the following partial report:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Friday—9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.
10:00 a. m.—Sunday Schools.
11:00 a. m.—State Missions.
12:00 m. —Education.
2:00 p. m.—Foreign Missions.
3:00 p. m.—Old Ministers Relief.
3:30 p. m.—Miscellaneous.

Association adjourned till 9:30 Friday. Dismissed by H. C. Moore.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises were conducted by S. F. Conrad.

Roll is called and minutes of yesterday read and approved. Letters are received from the following churches: Deep River, Flint Hill, Fork Creek, Mechanics Hill, Moon's Chapel, Mt. Pleasant, Staley, Southern Pines, Gum Springs and Aberdeen.

Ministers present: J. W. Little, D. R. Sears.

Visitors present: F. P. Hobgood, of Oxford, M. L. Kesler, of Orphanage, J. M. Arnette and R. J. Yates, of Mt. Zion Association.

The committee on Antioch church reports as follows:

We, the committee appointed to examine the Articles of Faith and church of Antioch have examined the same and find them orthodox; hence we recommend that the church be received into the fellowship of this Association.

L. R. Dixon,
W. H. H. Lawhon,
R. R. Moore,
Committee.

Report was adopted.

R. B. Lineberry tenders his resignation as trustee of Associational School. Resignation is received.

On motion the hour for Sunday Schools is devoted to Orphanage and the report is read by R. H. Herring.

ORPHANAGE.

The report on Orphanage last year was concerned largely with the equipment, which was given in detail, and it is deemed unnecessary to again cover that ground this year, We are always interested with each step the Orphanage takes, and call attention to the Infirmary now being built, the Noah Richardson Library, and the Tabernacle, all started since our last session.

The general improvements and strengthening of all departments goes on under the direction of Bro. Kesler, the General Manager.

There are at present 350 children there, and the number is limited only by the capacity, for there are hundreds in the State who need such a place of refuge, and they cannot be taken care of now.

If it is well to care for one homeless and friendless orphan, as we all agree, it is better to care for hundreds or a thousand. The degree of success which has attended our efforts in this work has served, among the other things to show the greatness of the possibilities. The work is far bigger than any of our wise men foresaw at the beginning and the accomplishments have exceeded most of our dreams, and yet the half has not been realized or accomplished.

The splendid liberality of some of our Sunday schools, churches and individuals is a challenge to us all to unite our efforts to make this gracious work count for something really great in our State.

How much can we do for humanity through this agency? Our faith is too small to answer big enough. When one Sunday School, not the largest or richest, gives $60.00 per month and a single individual builds a house to accommodate 35 children and becomes responsible for their support, what might be done if all the Sunday schools and individuals were to do a reasonable part? Every pitiful cry for sympathy and help could be answered, and every homeless and unfortunate child in our midst could have, at least, a chance to become a real man or woman.

Let it be ever held in mind that the Orphanage is not a place simply to give children bread and shelter. They can get that anywhere. Bread and shelter they must have, but this is the smallest part of what we undertake to do for them. There is a peculiar and inspiring quality that attaches to the work and soul of the Orphanage. It is a mixture of all the tender and helpful human graces that gets hold of all concerned; the giver and receiver, the helped and the helper. It makes the heart softer and the life more gracious. To feed the hungry and clothe the naked is indeed Christlike, but to help a life out of the mire of sin, shame and loss into the hope, inspiration, joy and fullness of Christ's life, is to feed the hungry soul with living bread and clothe upon the dry bones of human depravity with righteousness and life eternal.

For our own sakes, for the sake of results, for Christ's sake, we go forward with this work.

We urge again a monthly collection for the Orphanage in all the Sunday schools, and taking Charity and Children in clubs.

The building of the Infirmary has been undertaken by the women and is a special work committed to their hands.

R. H. Herring,
W. H. Tyler,
Committee.

Pending a motion to adopt, the Orphanage was discussed by R. H. Herring and M. L. Kesler.

Pledges are taken, amounting to $692.50, also cash collection of $12.45 and $1.00 for Charity and Children.

Report was adopted.

Report on State Missions is read by D. L. Webster.

STATE MISSIONS.

The true spirit which moved the leaders of about 1830 to take up the great and important work of State Missions, has grown into immense proportions and achieved splendid results for the Baptist cause in North Carolina.

If our Baptist people could but know and fully realize the many wonderful things that State Missions have wrought out, they would rise in their strength to meet the ever increasing demands required of us.

It is true that a large per cent. of our best city and country churches are the outcome of State Missions. It is also a fact that State Missions is, and ever will be, the fountain of supply for all our denominational work. The records bear us out in saying the last few years have been the most successful in its history.

At the last State Convention they found that the appropriation was not sufficient for the demand, and so the aim was raised to $40,000 with the conviction that it might be reached, so that this stupendous work might go on until every destitute section of our State should have the Gospel.

While we rejoice over the achievements won, we would have you remember that the future holds in store for us greater things yet to be done for Christ and our State.

With the many destitute sections now in the State and the rapid increase of immigration the demand is more imperative than ever, that we rise up, like men, to meet them.

Hence, your committee would urge that all our ministers and leaders would bring more prominently before their churches the importance of State Missions, believing that out of it are the issues of all missionary effort.

D. L. Webster,
Chas. H. Teague,
B. B. Phillips,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by D. L. Webster and Braxton Craige.

Pledges were taken amounting to $480.00.

Report was adopted.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Nominate Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—J. W. Staley, D. R. Sears, Z. C. Johnson.
Place and Preacher for next Association—Delegates of 4th section with J. M. Haymore, Chairman.
Nominate Trustees of Associational School—C. H. Smith, H. R. Harward, G. G. Emerson.
Nominate Executive Board—J. L. Griffin, C. G. Frazier, E. L. Perry.
Auditing Committee—J. W. Dixon, D. L. Webster, A. C. Bridges.

Report on Education was read by R. B. Lineberry.

EDUCATION.

To educate is to train, to develop our God-given powers. Education is, therefore, a prime necessity, that we may approximate the image of God in which we are created; that we be better prepared to understand God in nature, science and revelation; that we become fitted for God's highest and noblest use for us. God is calling us, through our surroundings, to educate the men who are to spread the glad tidings. This call to educate is heard in our time-honored Association, in villages and towns throughout our State, and the call becomes louder still as we broaden our view over this sunny southland and among millions as yet unreached in foreign lands.

If we are to develop God-given powers it must be done under Christian influences, that the increased power may not add to the propagation of evil, but to the uplift of mankind and to the honor of God. Quite a number of our church members do not contribute to education. They thus deny themselves the glorious privileges which God is offering them of taking a part in Christian service wherever the educated missionaries may go.

If we but consider the work being done at our own institutions at Wake Forest and the Baptist University for Women and at such institutions as Oxford Seminary and Chowan, we surely will rejoice at every opportunity of lending a helping hand, because we thus give God greater opportunity to use us and bless us. Let us pray and pay and in every way possible stand loyally by these Christian institutions.

R. B. LINEBERRY,
S. N. LILES,
R. R. MOORE,
Committee.

Adjourned for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator.

The Moderator extends the right hand of fellowship to delegate of newly constituted church at Antioch.

Report on Education was discussed by R. B. Lineberry, F. P. Hobgood and J. B. Carlyle.

Pledges are taken amounting to $97.50.

Report was adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by J. M. Haymore.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The dawn of a new day is breaking upon the pagan world, and the poor heathen is clamoring for the light, which is penetrating the black clouds of idolatry and superstition.

The encouragement to hold up Christ in the Foreign Field has never been so great as it is now. Our missionaries are beginning to see the fruits of their labors. The leaven is at work, and the grain of mustard seed has sprung into life. Last year there were 2,239 baptisms. After our Board had been in operation forty-five years, it reported in 1890 only 2,213 members, and now we baptize more than that number every year.

The report of our Foreign Mission Board shows that we raised $403,811.54 last year. This is far ahead of anything that we have ever done. But we have not reached the height of our possibilities. With an army of 2,000,000 Baptists within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, we ought to do a great deal more. Let us pray for a mighty awakening among our people.

There are 845,000,000 heathen to whom Christ is a stranger. Think of those teaming millions living in darkness, steeped in idolatry and superstition, living under the galling yoke of sin and sorrow. Look at this sad picture ; and lay the burning needs of these poor starving souls down beside the pledges of the forty-five churches in this Association. Isn't it a burning shame that churches are so little concerned about the extension of the Lord's Kingdom?

Our Lord said as He left this world, "Go ye into all the world. and preach the Gospel to every creature," and in St. John 15:14 says, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." Then if you do not give the gospel to every creature you are not His friends.

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." How much do we love the world? Look at your gifts and then answer.

The church that is not missionary is certainly devoid of the spirit of Christ, for He was a Missionary and trained His disciples to be missionaries. God will not bless the church, that turns a deaf ear to His call; but the church, that obeys with open hand and smiling face, may depend on being conducted forward.

We have before us an open door, and Christ is calling, "Go preach the Gospel to every creature." The hour has struck and we can preach the gospel of the risen Lord to every creature. Shall we lose the opportunity? No, let us measure up to the possibilities and take this world and lay it at His feet as our trophy.

J. M. Haymore,
W. V. Cheek,
N. B. Justice,
Committee.

On motion to adopt remarks were made by J. M. Haymore.

Pledges were taken amounting to $738.00.

Report was adopted.

The committee on Order of Business made the following report for Saturday:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Saturday— 9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.
10:00 a. m.—Temperance.
10:30 a. m.—Home Missions.
11:30 a. m.—Digest of Letters.
12:00 m. —Aged Ministers.
2:00 p. m.—Prayer Meetings.
2:30 p. m.—Sunday School Libraries, Miscellaneous Business and Report of Committees.

R. H. Herring.
J. L. Griffin,
J. M. Haymore,
Committee.

R. B. Lineberry was elected Historian.
Adjourned till 9:30 a. m., Saturday.
Benediction by G. W. Harmon.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional Exercises were conducted by J. W. Little.

R. H. Herring was made Moderator pro-tempore.

Minutes of Friday read and approved.

Bro. J. M. Haymore was requested to have his Introductory Sermon published in the Biblical Recorder.

On motion of D. L. Webster, the two Union Meetings of the Association were consolidated to meet at Love's Creek Friday before the 5th Sunday in December.

Report on Temperance was read by L. R. Dixon :

TEMPERANCE.

The literal meaning of Temperance is moderation in the indulgence of the natural appetites and passions. Scripturally it means moderation in the use of things necessary and total abstinence from all things injurious and hurtful ; hence we recommend total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors and cigarette smoking.

The great question of State Prohibition is involved in it, and we think the time has come when our people should stand together as one man for "State Prohibition."

As stated by Dr. Hale in the North Carolina Baptist of August 21st, 1907, our people have been at the front and in the very thickest of the fight in the many conflicts with the saloon.

In the great victory that has been gained recently over the saloons, in the State of Georgia, Baptists led in the fight, and it is so in nearly every State where there is an aggressive campaign against the saloon.

We are told that, by far, the larger per cent. of crimes committed in our State is caused by strong drink, therefore we should favor prohibition from a financial standpoint.

L. R. Dixon,
W. A. Headen,
C. H. Smith,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by L. R. Dixon, J. W. Little, J. M. Haymore, R. D. Smith, T. L. Chisholm, R. P. Johnson, H. M. Nicholson.

Report adopted.

W. H. Tyler offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the Sandy Creek Association that the Associational school property be sold and the proceeds applied to a school for boys or girls established within the bounds of the Association not within ten miles of the Springs and not to begin with less than $10,000.

On motion of R. H. Herring, resolution was tabled.

Report on Home Missions was read by the Clerk :

HOME MISSIONS.

There is no more gratifying development in the denomination than the growing interest of Southern Baptists in their Home Mission work. Leading men among us have of late freely published their conviction that this department of our work is of great strategic importance and should be enlarged without delay. The Southern Baptist Convention at its last session put itself on record to the same effect and unanimously and warmly recommended to the denomination that contributions be doubled for this object this year, the total amount recommended being $500,000.00. The following facts will confirm the sound judgment of the Convention.

First, Home Missions has already done great things for Southern Baptists, Missionaries of the Home Mission Board have made hundreds of thousands of converts, constituted thousands of churches, organized thousands of Sunday Schools, and assisted in establishing the Baptist cause in every State capital of the South, save one, and in thousands of country places. Every State and almost every community has felt the direct or indirect influence of the work and received benefit from it. The record for last year, in independent and co-operative work, was in part 18,798 baptisms, 14,207 additions to churches by letter, 271 churches constituted, 309 houses of worship built or improved, 703 Sunday schools organized. These figures do not include the untabulated influence of 112,604 gospel sermons and addresses and of the exemplary lives of 865 Godly missionaries.

Second, the South presents great home mission need today, Southern cities are multiplying and growing in size and wickedness; floods of foreigners are coming in who must be saved or they will lower our standard of civilization; baneful heresies are being propagated in our midst; vast regions of destitution exist, especially in the Southwest; three thousand homeless churches call to us for shelters under which to worship our God; Cuba, the Isle of Pines and Panama hold out appealing hands for the bread of life; the success of our mountain school work, as well as appalling need, encourage enlargement.

What answer will this Association make to these appeals, what will it do with this opportunity and this sacred duty? Your committee recommends, (1) That we, as an Association, endeavor this year to increase our contributions to Home Missions in proportion to the advance recommended by the Southern Baptist Convention, which will be 50 per cent. over what we did last year. (2) That, in order to inform our people concerning this work and make possible the raising of this amount, pastors and others be requested to secure and circulate among our people the free literature of the Home Board. (3) That the messengers of each church in the Association be requested to secure at once a club of at least ten new subscribers to Our Home Field, the beautiful thirty-six page magazine publighed by the Home Board at twenty-five cents a year. (4) That we encourage our women to co-operate with the Woman's Missionary Union of the South in raising the $75,000.00 which the Union proposes to secure for Home Missions this year.

Respectfully submitted,
C. L. Dowell,
Z. C. Johnson,
John S. Teague,
Committee.

Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by R. H. Herring.

Pledges were taken amounting to $33.40.

Report was adopted.

The committee on Digest having gone home and their report not being as the Association expected, C. A. Smith, W. A. Headen and J. M. Haymore were appointed to prepare digest of church letters.

The committee on Place and Preacher for next session report as follows:

PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT SESSION.

Your committee recommends Carthage as place and R. H. Herring for preacher.

J. M. Haymore,
for Committee.

Report was adopted.

Committee to nominate Executive Board recommends L. R. Dixon, T. L. Chisholm, D. L. Webster, R. B. Lineberry, D. H. Perry.

Report is adopted.

The committee to nominate Trustees of Associational School reported as follows:

NOMINATION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

We, your committee to nominate Trustees for Associational School beg to recommend the following:

For three years—W. A. Headen, E. D. Nall, I. H. Dunlap.

For two years—R. H. Herring.

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. Smith,
G. G. Emerson,
H. R. Harward,
Committee.

Report was adopted.

Report on Aged Ministers' Relief was read by G. W. Harmon:

AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF BOARD.

There are many worthy objects claiming the attention of our Association. Is there a more worthy one than this? We, therefore, insist that every pastor in the Association who has not called special attention to their churches do so at once. As winter is coming on they will need especial attention.

This object has never yet been fully supported by direct contributions, yet the gifts have grown and the interest has widened. Let us all rally to this worthy object.

G. W. Harmon,
D. H. Perry,
S. P. Moore,
Committee.

On motion to adopt remarks were made by G. W. Harmon, D. L. Webster, J. W. Little.

Report was adopted.

A cash collection amounting to $21.00 was taken for Antioch church.

Adjourned for dinner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON-

Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Report on Prayer Meetings was read by the Clerk.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

The evangelist tells us that "Men ought always to pray,"—a duty much insisted upon by all sacred writers and clearly taught by our Saviour during his mission on earth both by precept and example. It is the Christians "vital breath" by which is made known our requests to God. Many instances are recorded of the deliverances, of the support and protection of the loved ones by prayer.

Prayer is mentioned under three denominations: first, secret prayer, social and public. Social prayer, or prayer meeting, being the subject of this paper, it will be necessary only to recite a few instances recorded in the sacred word as to its importance and the obligations resting upon God's saints to its performance: the pouring of the Holy Spirit on the day Penticost was the most wonderful prayer meeting ever held upon earth; the deliverance of His servant Peter while the church was engaged in a prayer meeting for his protection and safe deliverance, and of the Apostle Paul in prison and bonds at Philipi. With these precepts every church ought to come together in prayer meeting and serve God in the way of his own appointment where she could make known her wants and hold communion with the Father of Spirits.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. Bostick,
C. D. Groce,
H. B. Lambert,
Committee.

On motion to adopt remarks were made by L. R. Dixon and J. M. Haymore.

Report was adopted.

The report on Sunday school Libraries was read by J. W. Dixon:

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The second important thing in the training of our young people for the realities of life's work, is the reading matter put before them. If the Sabbath school teacher could only get his class to read good and wholesome books and magazines, what a great stimulus to good morals and help to Christian work.

A great many parents are not careful as to what kind of books their children read. So much cheap trashy reading is being scattered everywhere, that is not fit to be read; so many innocent boys and girls are being led astray by the influences that such stuff is having on their minds, that it makes it necessary for our Christian workers to be able to head off such literature with such books and papers as the reading of which would lead the minds to a higher conception of our duty to the world, and to do this there is no better way than for each school to have a library of choice selections to which each one can go and select something the reading of which would be calculated to lead to greater usefulness.

Upon investigation we find not more than one fourth of our Sabbath schools have a library. We ought to work up one for each school, and furnish our young people something that is worth reading.

J. W. Dixon,
J. R. Lambert,
P. T. Farrell,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by J. W. Dixon and R. B. Lineberry.

Report was adopted.

Report on Sunday schools was read by T. L. Chisholm.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In Sunday school work much has been said and much more can be said with profit. Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ taught on the Sabbath day in the synagogue. If we profess to love and follow Him and His teachings we certainly should not neglect the Sunday school work in our churches. Your committee would recommend that every church member in the Sandy Creek Association be requested to enlist in the Sunday school work, so far as it is possible for them to do so. It is impossible to measure the value of the Sunday school to the Church. Besides this Sunday school is a blessing to the home and community. There is always great blessing in a well organized Sunday school, we therefore insist upon every church putting forth a great effort to greater and nobler work in the Sunday school than ever before. In order that we may report at our next Association a great work done for our Lord and Master in the way of men and women being saved from their sins and many blessings received during the Associational year we must do this.

T. L. Chisholm,
J. S. Thomas,
J. D. Norwood,
for the Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by T. L. Chisholm and J. S. Thomas.

Report was adopted.

The committee to nominate delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention recommended T. L. Chisholm.

Recommendation was adopted.

Report of Trustees of Associational School was read by Dr. O. B. Stroud :

ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

We, the Trustees of the Associational School, after the death of Rev. O. S. Edwards, elected Rev. W. T. Hurst principal, for last session, also for the session of 1907–8. At the close of the last session, however, Mr. Hurst resigned, and as it was only two weeks before the opening of the present session we secured Miss Lizzie Dixon as principal. The school naturally, under the circumstances, has opened up small, yet we think the prospects is good for a fair patronage during the coming year.

We have completed the Marsh dormitory, also a four room house for boys, which was full last session, accomodating twenty-five.

We have the Academy and dormitory insured for three years. We report a debt of $330.00, with $96.00 in the hands of the Treasurer, with some good subscriptions to collect.

The Academy, dormitories and lands we think, are richly worth $2,000 to $2,500.

The cost of board at the dormitories last session was a little less than $4.50 per month.

O. B. Stroud,
for the Trustees.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by L. R. Dixon.

Report was adopted.

The auditing committee report:

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Auditing Committee, beg leave to report that we have not been able to see the Treasurer's book for the year 1906, but find that the Treasurer for same year has turned over to the present Treasurer the sum of $14.50, which is the balance as reported by him as being the amount in his hands.

J. W. Dixon,
D. L. Webster,
A. C. Bridges,
Committee.

Report was adopted.

Digest of church letters was partly read by W. A. Headen, but on motion the full reading was dispensed with.

Report of the Executive Board was read by L. R. Dixon:

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, the Executive Board of the Sandy Creek Association, submit the following report: That we have done nothing except the recommending of the appropriation by the State Board, of small amounts to Eagle Springs, Flat Springs and Fork Creek.

L. R. Dixon,
R. B. Lineberry,
T. L. Chisholm,
D. H. Perry.
Committee.

Report was adopted.

Treasurer read his report:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amounts received from Delegates as per church letter filed with Clerk, Sandy Creek Association, held with church at May's Chapel, October 3rd, 1907:

Minute fund	$ 38.08
State Missions	69.28
Home Missions	29.08
Foreign Missions	72.40
Ministerial Education	30.93
Ministerial Relief	12.31
Orphanage	71.31
Paid by Cool Springs Church	6.40
Total	$329.79

T. L. Chisholm,
Treasurer.

Report is adopted.

L. R. Dixon offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, that the Historian, Bro. Lineberry be instructed to put in shape for publication, the history of the Association that has not yet been published; and that if possible for him to do so, on reasonable terms, to arrange for its publication and have it published by the next meeting of our Association.

The following resolution was offered and adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, that we, the members of the Sandy Creek Association, desire to express our great appreciation to the May's Chapel people for the generous and kind hospitality given us at this session.

E. L. PERRY.

On motion of J. W. Dixon, a collection is to be taken on Sunday for State Missions.

On motion of J. M. Haymore, the resolution adopted at Mt. Olive at our 128th annual session is rescinded.

This closes the best session, in Clerk's opinion, we have ever held.

Association adjourned with benediction by——————

SUNDAY MORNING.

At 10 o'clock a. m., L. R. Dixon, the pastor of May's Chapel church, assisted by J. M. Haymore and R. B. Lineberry, ordained N. H. Perry Deacon. At 11 o'clock a. m., there was preaching in the house by J. M. Haymore from John 12:24, and at the stand by R. B. Lineberry from Malachi 3:16–17. Collection for State Missions amounted to $20.61.

There was preaching at the stand Friday morning by J. M. Arnette; Saturday morning by R. H. Herring and Saturday evening by G. W. Harmon.

WOMAN'S MEETING OF THE SANDY CREEK ASSOCIATION.

The Woman's Meeting of the Sandy Creek Association met at the stand in the grove near May's Chapel church, Friday afternoon, October 4th, 1907. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Associational Vice President, Miss Minnie L. Holding, who read the ninety-second Psalm. Following this was the roll-call of the Societies. Of the ten Societies in the Association, nine were represented by delegates and one sent a letter. All the reports showed a steady progress and a deeper interest in the missionary work. The Society at Gum Springs church, the youngest Society in the Association, sent an encouraging report. It has been organized only a few months, but has twenty enthusiastic members who have been at work since its organization.

Miss Heck's annual letterto the Associational Meetings was full of words of encouragement and pervaded with that deep spirituality and trust so characteristic of her. It was read by Miss Holding.

Miss Netta Liles read a paper on "How to Have Successful Woman's Missionary Society in a Country Church," which was rich in practical suggestions to leaders of Woman's Missionary work in the country. She did not theorize, but told of the results of her own experience in connection with a Woman's Missionary Society in a country church.

A further interesting program had been arranged, but had to be abandoned on account of rain, which forced the meeting to adjourn.

The meeting was largely attended, and the women seemed more fully awake than ever before to the magnitude of the work, and to the need of pressing forward if we are to see the "evangelization of the world in this generation." Some of our Societies are pledging themselves to double their contributions next year. The delegates returned to their Home Societies with increased zeal and a stronger determination to work for the Master, and we are looking with prayerful expectation for a harvest of new Societies within the next year.

The next meeting will be held with the women of the Carthage church in October 1908, during the session of the Sandy Creek Association.

Miss Minnie L. Holding, Vice President,
Miss Pearle Johnson, Secretary.

REPORT OF WOMANS' MISSIONARY WORK, SEPTEMBER 1906 TO SEPTEMBER 1907.

SOCIETIES.	Number of Members.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Margaret Home.	Tichenor Memorial.	Christmas Offering for China.	Self Denial for Home Missions	Boxes.	General Expense Central Committee.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Total.s
1 Aberdeen	15	$ 8 00	$ 7 81	$ 7 00			$ 7 30						$ 30 11
2 Bethany	8	3 15	2 60	7 50							1 75		15 00
Cameron	12	11 92	10 93	10 92									33 77
Carthage	13	7 80	6 50	14 25			10 00	6 00					41 55
Gum Springs	20	2 00		New	Society								2 00
Jonesboro	30	6 85	8 20	5 00			2 30						22 35
Mt. Olive	18	5 65		3 32				3 33					12 30
Mt. Pleasant		4 00	4 00	2 00									10 00
Pinebluff		2 00											2 00
Pittsboro	13	9 00	4 30			1 00	16 75	18 05	44 60	50			94 20
Sanford	28	15 10	14 11	11 35	2 00		25 00	9 30		3 50		1 50	81 86
12 Siler City	18	5 60	22 10	25 25	2 00					1 50			56 45
Totals		$ 79 07	$ 80 55	$ 86 59	$ 4 00	$ 1 00	$ 61 35	$ 36 68	$ 44 60	$ 5 50	$ 1 75	$ 1 50	$ 404 59

REPORT OF SUNBEAM WORK, SEPTEMBER 1906 TO SEPTEMBER 1907.

SOCIETIES.	Number of Members.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Margaret Home.	Self Denial for Home Mis'ns.	Box.	Other Objects.	Total.
Sunbeams, Cameron	12	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$ 3 00				$ 1 00	$ 10 00
Sunbeams, Carthage				9 38	1 50	2 00			12 88
Sunbeams, Jonesboro		6 60							6 60
Sunbeams, Pittsboro		2 50	1 00	75			8 25		12 50
Willing Workers, Carthage		2 08	2 66						4 74
Totals		$ 14 18	$ 6 66	$ 13 13	$ 1 50	$ 2 00	$ 8 25	$ 1 00	$ 46 72

CHURCH STATISTICS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1906–1907.

CHURCHES.	Time of Preaching.	PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Reported Last year.
Antioch													
Aberdeen	1st	E. D. Poe, Wake Forest	A. F. Yates, Aberdeen	6	3	2	7		1	15	30	45	41
Bear Creek	3rd	W. H. H. Lawhon, Carthage	B. B. Stinson, Goldston	3	4	2	20	2	2	67	115	182	198
Bethany	2nd	J. D. Newton, Thomasville	D. E. Murchison, Gulf	3	2	2	14	2	1	33	63	96	113
Bethlehem	3rd	C. L. Dowell, Carthage	John A. Fry, Carthage, r. f. d.			1	4	1		84	143	227	232
Beulah	1st	W. H. H. Lawhon, Carthage	H. C. Lambert, Joseph	4	4		2		2	56	54	110	111
Biscoe	2nd	W. M. Bostic, Biscoe	W. C. Wright, Biscoe	2	3		2		1	7	10	17	15
Brush Creek	1st	W. T. Hurst, Wake Forest	J. B. Gilbert, Ore Hill	14	5	1		1	2	88	95	183	160
Cameron	2nd–4th	C. L. Dowell, Carthage	C. P. Rogers, Cameron	1	4		3		1	48	54	102	99
Carthage	1st–3rd	C. L. Dowell, Carthage	W. G. Jennings, Carthage		8		12	1	1	40	54	94	101
Cool Springs	2nd	W. H. H. Lawhon, Carthage	E. M. Judd, Sanford	6	6		5		2	43	51	94	92
Deep River	1st	J. L. Smith, Siler City	Callie Davis, Coleridge	2	1					10	15	25	23
Eagle Springs		W. H. H. Lawhon, Carthage	J. A. Desern, Eagle Springs	1	1				1	13	16	29	28
Emmaus	4th	L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon Sp'g's.	G. M. Clark, Pittsboro, r. f. d.	15	2		1			64	89	153	138
Ephesus	3rd	J. M. Henley, Sanford, r. f. d.	T. J. Savage, Sanford, r. f. d.	3			1			11	18	29	27
Fall Creek	3rd	J. L. Smith, Siler City	J. W. Brewer, Fall Creek	1	8	1	8		3	130	146	276	277
Fork Creek		M. J. Leach, Lassiter's Mills	E. B. Leach, Erect							5	4	9	9
Flat Springs	1st	T. Y. Seymour, Wake Forest	C. J. Kelly, Lockville	2	7					13	12	25	16
Flint Hill	3rd	J. W. Hartsell, Cameron	O. T. Maness, Leaman				4			15	22	37	39
Friendship	1st	C. L. Dowell, Carthage	N. J. Muse, Cole's Mills	4					3	22	29	51	
Gum Springs	3rd	T. Y. Seymour, Wake Forest	M. T. Wilkie, Moncure	5	5		10	2	5	62	101	163	170
Hickory Mountain	3rd	L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon Sp'g's.	N. B. Justice, Kimbolton	5			7		1	50	46	96	100
Jonesboro	4th	J. M. Haymore, Sanford	D. O. Bryan, Sanford	5	10		6		2	44	74	118	111
Love's Creek	1st	R. H. Herring, Siler City	J. L. Gilliland, Siler City	11	1	1	7		4	77	124	201	196
May's Chapel	1st	L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon Sp'g's.	W. H. Gilmore, Goldston				3		2	46	32	78	98
Mechanic's Hill	3rd	H. M. Ingram, Star	George Moore, Brower's Mills				1			25	43	68	
Mineral Springs	3rd	O. B. Mitchel, Wake Forest	N. R. Dixon, Siler City	2	6		2			28	48	76	76
Moon's Chapel	2nd	J. L. Smith, Siler City	E. L. Vestal, Jordan	2	2		2		2	20	35	55	55
Mount Olive	1st	R. B. Lineberry, Manndale	S. M. Lewis, Saxapahaw		9	2	4	1	3	66	92	158	162
Mount Pleasant	1st	J. A. Hackney, Heartshorn	G. R. Williams, Staley	13				1		11	35	46	34
New Salem	4th	R. B. Lineberry, Mandale	E. L. Perry, Bynum	7	1			1	1	17	35	52	46
Pinebluff													
Pine Grove	4th	F. L. Fiddler, High Point	B. Deaton, Swinton	7	1	1	7			17	27	44	42
Pittsboro	3rd	R. B. Lineberry, Manndale	J. W. Moore, Pittsboro	6	1		5		2	20	28	48	48
Rives' Chapel	2nd	L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon Sp'g's.	C. W. Oliver, Millwood	2	2	1	8		4	47	67	114	128
Rock Springs	2nd	O. B. Mitchell, Wake Forest	P. T. Farrell, Pittsboro							23	31	54	51
Rocky River	3rd	R. H. Herring, Siler City	M. W. Duncan, Siler City	6	1		3	1	2	44	71	115	115
Sandy Branch	4th	R. H. Herring, Siler City	T. G. Ivey, Bear Creek	31	3		6		4	76	90	166	142
Sandy Creek	3rd		E. A. McMasters, Staley	1			2		2	22	41	63	66
Sanford	1st-2d-3d	J. M. Haymore, Sanford	E. F. Chisholm, Sanford	31	45	1	7	10	1	56	124	180	122
Siler City	2nd	R. H. Herring, Siler City	C. N. Bray, Siler City	3	8			2		39	60	99	89
Staley	4th	J. L. Smith, Siler City	C. P. Fox, Staley				1		1	9	7	16	18
Southern Pines	1-2-3-4	John Lewis, Southern Pines	N. D. Wells, Southern Pines		4		5			11	16	27	
Tyson's Creek	2nd	W. T. Hurst, Wake Forest	L. Moon, Harper's Cross Roads	3					1	28	47	75	72
Union Grove	1st	J. L. Smith, Siler City	G. F. Garner, Seagrove	3				1	1	45	104	149	148

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary	Building and Improvm'ts.	Incidentals.	Sund'y School Expenses	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sund'y School Missions	Orphanage.	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Old Ministers' Relief	Minute Fund.	Other Objects.	Grand Total.
Antioch															
Aberdeen	$ 175 00	$ 25 50	$ 28 00	$ 19 48	$ 14 09	$ 17 11	$ 14 75	$ 1 45	$ 49 70				$ 1 00	$ 27 00	$ 373 08
Bear Creek	100 00	60 00			10 00	5 00	15 00		18 00		2 00		1 00		211 00
Bethany	120 00	60 00	14 50	18 70	5 47	8 00	12 27		16 48		3 37	1 93	1 20		261 92
Bethlehem	125 00	90 00	25 00	15 22	6 00	5 00	5 00		9 00				1 00	1 00	282 22
Beulah	50 00			4 02	5 00	1 00	2 50		5 00		1 00		1 65		70 17
Biscoe					5 00	2 00	3 00		2 50				1 00	3 10	16 60
Brush Creek	100 00	3 02	65 00	9 50	9 00	6 00	10 00		32 00		4 00		1 75	6 02	246 29
Cameron	400 00	35 00	7 42	42 68	43 93	43 64	162 02	3 00	105 97	80 00	7 50	10 00		62 85	1004 01
Carthage	375 00	250 00	51 11	64 64	36 80	24 80	42 73		50 93		5 00	5 00		51 50	957 51
Cool Springs	100 00		2 65	9 57	5 00	5 00	5 00		21 33		2 00		1 00		151 53
Deep River		150 00		8 00	1 00	1 00	1 00						75		161 75
Eagle Springs	80 00			4 25	5 13	3 66	3 00		6 00		2 00		1 00		105 04
Emmaus	100 00		6 50		4 30	2 10	5 02		17 35				1 75	10 70	147 72
Ephesus	20 50		1 95	3 37	1 64	2 17	2 54	60	4 05		1 22	80	1 11	1 02	40 97
Fall Creek	80 00		5 65	5 15	7 00	4 00	10 00	8 12	10 00		2 00		82		132 74
Flat Springs	125 00	80 00		5 45	8 38	2 86	4 00		7 50			1 75	95		235 89
Flint Hill														10 00	10 00
Fork Creek	75 00				2 70	1 00	1 00		2 51				25	8 25	90 71
Friendship	100 00				3 00	2 00	2 00						50		107 50
Gum Springs	100 00	125 00	6 00	5 00	9 50	5 00	10 01		9 34		7 50		1 60	12 00	290 95
Hickory Mountain	100 00		116 75	7 00	5 00	4 00	3 60		14 15			85	1 70		253 05
Jonesboro	200 00	200 00	150 00	14 17	17 32	14 03	22 00	1 08	39 33		6 00	2 25	2 50	69 75	738 43
Love's Creek	200 00	100 00	5 00	5 00	15 90	12 10	16 00		20 00	56 00	3 00	3 00	2 40	10 00	448 40
May's Chapel	100 00	50 00	6 00	3 00	4 06	5 01	4 00		35 00				1 70		208 77
Mechanics' Hill	40 00	40 00			1 00	50	1 00		1 75		50	1 00	50	7 81	94 06
Mineral Springs	80 00	60 00	6 00	10 51	15 16	6 69	5 23		14 97		3 00		95	15 00	217 51
Moon's Chapel									5 00				75		5 75
Mount Olive	150 00		5 00	5 00	21 03	10 87	14 58		21 99	7 50	5 14	1 50	1 50	20 00	264 11
Mount Pleasant	40 00	1 25		2 00	1 50	1 01	1 50		2 02		75		60	8 60	59 23
New Salem	50 00			2 33	3 37	1 75	2 75		3 50		1 50	66	75	4 75	71 36
Pinebluff															
Pine Grove	60 00	10 00		75			2 00		3 15				95		76 85
Pittsboro	200 00	149 13	18 85	7 00	36 96	90 69	35 86		45 59	10 00	11 90	9 43	1 25	66 30	682 96
Rives' Chapel	80 00	52 86		4 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		7 00				1 30	7 75	167 91
Rock Springs	50 00	190 00		2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00		2 00		1 00		85		249 85
Rocky River	150 00	71 40		4 75	11 19	8 05	11 66		20 00	3 00	3 00	3 02	1 65	6 75	294 47
Sandy Branch	200 00		16 00	7 00	10 00	5 53	15 00		10 88		3 00	3 00	2 30		272 71
Sandy Creek	50 00			4 25	2 00	1 50	2 00		2 00				50	5 00	67 25
Sanford	833 35		232 42	28 61	65 10	86 01	157 85	9 40	100 00		10 00		1 50	168 84	1693 08
Siler City	400 00	65 00	41 40	38 20	55 60	43 60	50 25		30 00		5 00	2 00	2 00	32 70	765 75
Southern Pines	370 00	115 60	54 45	32 60	2 00	4 50	5 50		13 40				50		598 55
Staley			11 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	52	3 00			25	50		25 27
Tyson's Creek	75 00	25 00		5 00	10 00	6 00	14 65		11 00		2 00	2 54	1 25	10 00	162 44
Union Grove	60 00		7 50	5 00	3 00	2 00	3 00		6 00				60	4 13	01 23
Total	$5713 85	$2008 76	$ 884 15	$ 408 20	$ 471 13	$ 452 18	$ 688 27	$ 23 97	$ 779 39	$ 156 50	$ 93 38	$ 48 98	$ 46 83	$ 638 82	$ 12406 59

PLEDGES OF CHURCHES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1907–1908.

CHURCHES.	Orphanage.	State Missions.	Education.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.
Antioch	$ 2 00	$ 2 00	....	$ 1 00	....
Aberdeen	25 00	15 00	....	15 00	15 00
Bear Creek	18 00	12 00	2 00	18 00	8 00
Bethany	15 00	6 00	2 00	8 00	8 00
Bethlehem	9 00	15 00	....	....	....
Beulah	....	....	1 00	2 50	....
Biscoe	2 60	5 00	2 50	3 00	2 50
Brush Creek	12 50	10 00	4 00	10 00	6 00
Cameron	75 00	40 00	5 00	60 00	40 00
Carthage	50 00	35 00	5 00	40 00	25 00
Cool Springs	15 00	10 00	2 00	6 00	10 00
Deep River	1 50	1 00	1 00	2 00	....
Eagle Springs	6 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	5 00
Emmaus	10 00	4 00	....	10 00	2 00
Ephesus	3 00	1 00	....	3 00	1 00
Fall Creek	10 00	7 00	1 00	8 00	7 00
Flat Springs	5 00	7 50	1 00	3 50	3 00
Flint Hill	....	....	....	....	....
Fork Creek	....	....	....	....	....
Friendship	5 00	5 00	2 00	7 00	5 00
Gum Springs	10 00	8 00	7 00	10 00	5 00
Hickory Mountain	10 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	3 00
Jonesboro	40 00	20 00	6 00	100 00	25 00
Love's Creek	25 00	15 00	5 00	20 00	10 00
May's Chapel	30 00	9 00	1 00	12 00	8 00
Mechanic's Hill	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00
Mineral Springs	10 00	8 00	3 00	10 00	7 50
Moon's Chapel.	10 00	4 00	2 00	5 00	5 00
Mt. Olive	15 00	15 00	5 00	10 00	7 50
Mt. Pleasant	....	....	....	....	....
New Salem	3 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	2 00
Pinebluff	....	....	....	....	....
Pine Grove	4 00	1 00	....	....	....
Pittsboro	40 00	35 00	7 50	35 00	37 50
Rives' Chapel	10 00	6 00	1 00	6 00	7 00
Rock Springs	3 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00
Rocky River	15 00	8 00	1 50	5 00	5 00
Sandy Branch	15 00	10 00	4 00	18 00	6 00
Sandy Creek	....	....	....	....	....
Sanford	125 00	100 00	11 00	250 00	30 00
Siler City	40 00	35 00	5 00	30 00	25 00
Staley	3 00	2 50	....	2 00	1 00
Southern Pines	....	....	....	....	....
Tyson's Creek	12 00	10 00	2 00	10 00	8 00
Union Grove	6 00	3 50	1 00	3 00	....
Total	$692 60	$480 00	$ 97 50	$738 00	$ 334 00

Constitution of Sandy Creek Baptist Association.

Article I. This Association shall be composed of members not exceeding three in number from each Church, chosen by the different Churches in our union, together with such ordained ministers as may hold their membership with Churches belonging to this Association.

Art. 2. The application of any Church for membership shall be referred to a committee, who shall examine its church covenant and articles of faith, and upon favorable report may be admitted as a constituent member of this body.

Art. 3. In letters from the different Churches shall be expressed the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and has died since last Association ; also the total number in fellowship, together with the contributions forwarded.

Art. 4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any Church belonging to the union, but shall sit only as an advisory council.

Art. 5. The Association shall elect a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, annually, by the suffrages of members present ; a majority of the ballots cast being necessary to decide the choice.

Art. 6. There shall be appointed by the Association at each annual session an Executive Board, to consist of five members, whose duty shall be to solicit funds for the support of a missionary or missionaries to labor in such destitute portions of the Association as they may designate, and to disburse such funds as may be sent up to the Association for this purpose, drawing upon the Treasurer of the Association for any amount in his hands for this field of labor. It shall also be their duty upon the death of any of their members, or of the Treasurer of the Association, to fill such vacancies.

Art. 7. The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any Church in her union who shall knowingly and willfully violate the Constitution, or depart from the orthodox principles of religion.

Art. 8. Amendments to this Constitution shall be made only by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the Association present.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

Friday, March 29th, 1907, the Sandy Creek Sunday School Association met with Beulah Church, Randolph county.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. M. Bostic from Luke 22:29.

After an intermission of one hour the Association was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. W. T. Hurst. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The Secretary being absent, W. Merritt Burns was elected Secretary pro tem.

Letters were called for and the following delegates enrolled :

Bethlehem—W. H. H. Lawhon.
Beulah—H. B. Lambert, J. W. Purvis and J. H. Powers.
Biscoe—W. M. Bostic.
Brush Creek—J. E. Spence, G. C. Ellis and Miss Daisye Ellis.
May's Chapel—H. R. Harward, N. A. Gilmore and W. M. Burns.
Mineral Springs, Dr. O. B. Stroud, R. H. Dixon.
Pine Grove—M. E. Myric and J. M. Deaton.
Rocky River—S. D. Brewer and Mary T. Brewer.
Tyson's Creek—J. L. McManus, Cone Phillips and J. J. Moon.

Ordained Ministers present : W. H. H. Lawhon, L. R. Dixon, W. T. Hurst, O. B. Mitchell, W. M. Bostic, R. B. Lineberry.

Superintendents of Sunday Schools present : J. L. Purvis, B. B. Phillips, W. M. Burns, M. E. Myric, R. F. Andrews.

Motion to extend to Rev. M. L. Hurley, of the Christian church, the courtesies of the body and give him an opportunity to make a statement of his work.

On permanent organization, Rev. L. R. Dixon was elected Moderator, and W. M. Burns Secretary and Treasurer.

The program prepared by Rev. W. H. H. Lawhon, pastor, was adopted.

The Mission of the Sunday School was discussed by L. R. Dixon, W. T. Hurst, M. L. Hurley and J. M. Deaton. The question was tabled.

Mission Work and Our Duty in Regard to It, was discussed by O. B. Mitchel, J. L. Purvis, J. M. Deaton, W. H. H. Lawhon and M. L. Hurley. The question was tabled and the Association adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Association met at 9:30, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. M. L. Hurley.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following delegates were enrolled:

Mt. Olive—R. F. Andrews. R. B. Lineberry.
Fall Creek—J. W. Brewer, A. B. Phillips, Miss Hattie Brewer.

On motion W. W. Caviness, of Deep River, was enrolled as an honorary member of the body.

The Moderator announced the following committee:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this church.
Place and Preacher for next meeting—B. B. Phillips, S. D. Brewer, G. C. Ellis.

A motion was carried to pass over the third querry on the program and take up the fourth.

What is the Relation Between the Spiritual Growth of a Church and the Sunday School? was discussed by R. B. Lineberry, W. T. Hurst, J. M. Deaton, and answered by R. B. Lineberry as follows: The Sunday School is the best opportunity we have for providing the food necessary for Spiritual growth.

Is Our Sabbath Work What It Should Be, and if Not, How Are We to Improve It? was discussed by W. M. Bostic, M. L. Hurley. Question was tabled.

How Are We to Get Our People Properly Aroused to Their Duty in Church and Sunday School Work? was discussed by W. T. Hurst, W. H. H. Lawhon, R. B. Lineberry. Question was tabled.

After an intermission of one hour the Association re-assembled.

The Committee on Place and Preacher recommended Rocky River as place and L. R. Dixon as preacher.

The report was adopted.

On motion the eighth querry was deferred until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock and W. T. Hurst and O. B. Mitchell were appointed speakers.

The Baptist Orphanage and Our Duty to Sustain It, was discussed by R. B. Lineberry, W. H. H. Lawhon. The question was tabled.

The Need of Sunday Schools and How to Obtain Them, was discussed by J. M. Deaton and was tabled.

Brethren Lawhon, Dixon, Lineberry and Hurst spoke briefly of the possibilities and the needs of our Associational School.

By motion of W. H. H. Lawhon, the Secretary was instructed to write to each Sunday School in the Association for a contribution of not less than 25 cents for a minute fund together with statistic of the school.

SUNDAY MORNING.

L. R. Dixon read the 34th Psalm and R. F Andrews led in prayer.

The Advantage of Lesson Helps was discussed by W. T. Hurst and O. B. Mitchell, after which R. B. Lineberry preached.

A collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $10.40.

The Association requested the Clerk to say that the music was enjoyed very much.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Months Kept Open.	Volumes in Library.	Quarterlies & Papers Taken.	School Expenses.	Other Objects.
Aberdeen	J. A. Bryant, Aberdeen	6	30	25	12		97	$ 19 48	$ 18 00
Bear Creek	J. W. Phillips, Bear Creek	6	50				55		
Bethany	D. E. Murchison, Gulf	6	30	30	12		48	18 70	7 11
Bethlehem	C. G. Sullivan, Carthage	9	76	55	12	50	94	15 22	
Beulah	J. I. Purvis, Joseph	6	72	40	12			4 02	
Biscoe		2	25						
Brush Creek	J. E. Spence, Cole's Store	11	89	44	9		378	9 50	20 00
Cameron	C. H. Teague, Cameron	8	60	50	12	100	100	42 68	80 91
Carthage	H. F. Seawell, Carthage	6	99	65	12	120	175	64 64	88 23
Cool Springs	D. H. Perry. Sanford	7	70	40	12		412	9 57	6 33
Deep River	H. F. Brown, Coleridge	6	93	85	12		60	8 00	
Eagle Springs	J. A. Desern, Eagle Springs	5	33	20			28	4 25	
Emmaus	J. R. Ellington, Pittsboro	7	94	50	9		92		6 35
Ephesus	T. J. Savage, Sanford	4	32	14	12	40	28	3 37	2 34
Fall Creek	G. C. Phillips, Bear Creek	9	84					5 15	8 12
Flat Springs	A. C. Bridges, Lockville	7	55	40	12		60	5 45	
Gum Springs	G. E. Lasater, Moncure	6	45	35	12		50	5 00	
Hickory Mountain	E. V. Straughan, Siler City	7	85	50	12			7 00	
Jonesboro	W. W. Moore, Jonesboro	6	75	45	12	125	75	14 17	49 95
Love's Creek	H. A. Teague, Siler City	8	55	34	6		75	5 00	
May's Chapel	W. Merritt Burns, Cumnock	6	28	26	12		70	3 00	
Mechanics' Hill	Levi Maness, Carter's Mills	3	15		8		8		
Mineral Springs	Dr. O. B. Stroud, Ore Hill	6	45	30	12		69	10 51	3 90
Mt. Olive	R. F. Andrews, Manndale	11	100	70	12		75	5 00	
Mt. Pleasant	C. L. Kivett, Liberty.	3	30	25	6		30	2 00	
New Salem	E. L. Perry, Bynum	6	43	20	9		110	2 33	
Pittsboro	Jas. L. Griffin, Pittsboro	6	55		12	60	76	7 00	15 16
Rives' Chapel	C. M. Webster, Ore Hill	8	80	42	6		66	4 00	
Rock Springs	P. T. Farrell, Pittsboro	6	30	20	6		40	2 00	
Rocky River	W. A. Duncan, Siler City	6	50	30	12		60	4 75	
Sandy Branch	B. B. Webster, Causey	7	108	43	9		114	7 00	
Sandy Creek	E. A. McMasters, Staley	5	51	35	9		48	4 25	
Sanford	C. H. Smith, Sanford	9	265	119	12		281	28 61	9 40
Siler City	D. L. Webster, Siler City	12	146	68	12	50	225	38 20	30 00
Staley	C. G. Frazier, Staley	6	65	35	12		68	5 00	
Southern Pines	N. D. Wells, Southern Pines	8	40	32	12	200	100	32 60	37 40
Tyson's Creek	B. B. Phillips, Bear Creek	6	67	40	12		50	5 00	6 65
Union Grove	Neill Dunlap, Steeds	5	65	35	6	50	65	5 00	
Total		251	2535	1392		795	3182	$409 25	$ 389 85

Constitution of the Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

Article 1. This body shall be denominated and known as the Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

Art. 2. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom in the prosecution of the Sunday School work.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of brethren or sisters chosen by the Sunday schools connected with it, each school being entitled to three delegates. Ministers who are members or pastors of Churches connected with the schools of this body and superintendents of such schools shall be considered members ex-officio.

Art. 4. The delegates from each school shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving a full account of the condition of the school (as required by the blanks) and a statement of all the funds contributed by the school during the past year.

Art. 5. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, and a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually and continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce order, appoint committees, decide questions of order, etc., and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the schools.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the schools or collected during the session of the body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association, and make an annual report of his work to the body.

Art. 9. Any Sunday school desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose.

Art. 10. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

Art. 11. The annual session shall be held on Friday and Saturday before the first fifth Sunday after the first day in March.

Art. 12. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached during each session an introductory sermon, also an annual sermon on Sunday.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. M. Bostick	Biscoe, N. C.
J. L. Cook	Southern Pines, N. C.
L. R. Dixon	Mt. Vernon Springs, N. C.
C. L. Dowell	Carthage, N. C.
J. R. Edwards	Sanford, N. C.
P. A. Ferguson	Lambsville, N. C.
S. W. Fuquay	Eagle Springs, N. C.
G. W. Harmon	Ore Hill, N. C.
J. W. Hartsell	Cameron, N. C.
J. M. Henley	R. F. D. No. 3, Sanford, N. C.
R. H. Herring	Siler City, N. C.
W. T. Hurst	Wake Forest, N. C.
S. A. Ives	Pinebluff, N. C.
F. D. King	Jonesboro, N. C.
W. H. H. Lawhon	R. F. D. No. 1, Carthage, N. C.
John Lewis	Southern Pines, N. C.
R. B. Lineberry	Pittsboro, N. C.
J. W. Little	Lemon Springs, N. C.
A. H. Manee	Southern Pines, N. C.
O. B. Mitchell	Wake Forest, N. C.
R. R. Moore	Ore Hill, N. C.
D. R. Sears	Siler City, N. C.
A. K. Scotten	Coleridge, N. C.
J. L. Smith	Siler City, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

C. L. Dowell	Carthage, N. C.
T. L. Chisholm	Sanford, N. C.
D. L. Webster	Siler City, N. C.
R. B. Lineberry	Pittsboro, N. C.
D. H. Perry	Sanford, N. C.

TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

W. H. H. Lawhon, *Chairman*, 1911.

L. R. Dixon	1911	I. H. Dunlap	1910
R. P. Johnson	1911	J. E. Spence	1909
W. A. Headen	1910	J. M. Jordan	1909
E. D. Nall	1910	R. H. Herring	1909

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SANDY CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CARTHAGE, N. C., October 1st, 1908.

The Sandy Creek Baptist Association met in its 150th annual session with the church at Carthage, Moore county, N. C.

Introductory Sermon was postponed till night. Religious exercises conducted by T. S. Crutchfield, of Thomasville, N. C.

On motion of L. R. Dixon, the church letters were read and delegates enrolled, C. H. Smith and R. H. Herring acting as reading clerks. During the reading of letters an adjournment was taken for dinner till 2:30 P. M.

The following delegates were enrolled :

Antioch—J. J. Fields, Geddie Fields, Wm. Dowd.
Aberdeen—W. E. Poe.
Bear Creek—B. B. Stinson.
Bethany—J. T. Paschal, D. E. Murchison, A. A. Burke.
Bethlehem—Daniel Hannon, C. D. Caddell, Clem McIntosh.
Beulah—J. C. Caviness.
Biscoe—W. C. Wright.
Brush Creek—George W. Brooks.
Cameron—E. P. Pearce.
Carthage—Chas. O. Mainor, W. G. Jennings, H. F. Seawell.
Cool Springs—W. A. Glass, F. M. Riddle, J. H. Henley.
Deep River—W. W. Caviness, D. P. Pressnell.
Eagle Springs—D. L. Britt, J. A. Desern.
Emmaus—U. T. Clark.
Ephesus—M. N. Spivey, P. A. Fisher, Cornelius Craven.
Fall Creek—G. C. Phillips, A. B. Phillips.
Flat Springs—C. J. Kelly, Auburn Womble.
Flint Hill—J. F. Stutts, O. T. Maness.
Fork Creek—Not represented.
Friendship—J. T. Seawell, Isaac Fields, N. J. Muse.
Gum Springs—Alton Thomas.
Hickory Mountain—W. J. Hackney, J. E. Moore.
Jonesboro—W. I. Brooks.
Love's Creek—C. D. Poe, J. L. Gilliland.
May's Chapel—N. A. Gilmore, H. R. Harward, N. H. Perry.
Mechanics Hill—Letter, no delegate.
Mineral Springs—N. W. Dixon.
Moon's Chapel—A. J. Lane.
Mt. Olive—R. F. Andrews, R. D. Walters.
Mt. Pleasant—J. B. Williams.

New Salem—Roy Cheek, E. L. Perry.
Pinebluff—S. A. Ives.
Pine Grove—S. W. Fuquay, M. E. Myrick.
Pittsboro—R. P. Johnson, J. L. Griffin, Dr. H. T. Chapin.
Rives Chapel—C. M. Webster, W. V. Cheek.
Rock Springs—W. A. Cooper.
Rocky River—W. C. Teague.
Sandy Branch—T. L. Phillips, W. P. Dark, G. S. Norwood.
Sandy Creek—Haywood Frazier, E. A. McMasters.
Sanford—C. H. Smith, G. W. Temple, T. L. Chisholm.
Siler City—D. L. Webster, H. O. Vestal, T. F. Overman.
Staley—C. P. Fox, E. M. Teague, H. L. Staley.
Southern Pines—G. W. Martin, W. H. Lindsay.
Tyson's Creek—B. B. Phillips, John Moon.
Union Grove—G. F. Garner.

Ordained Ministers present: W. H. H. Lawhon, L. R. Dixon, G. W. Harmon, C. L. Dowell, W. M. Bostick, F. D. King, J. R. Edwards, O. B. Mitchell, J. W. Little, R. H. Herring, John Lewis, S. A. Ives, R. B. Lineberry.

Visitors present: S. F. Conrad, of Charlotte; T. S. Crutchfield, of Thomasville; J. M. Arnette, Durham.

On motion, the old officers are elected: R. P. Johnson, Moderator; R. B. Lineberry, Clerk; T. L. Chisholm, Treasurer.

Moderator announced the following committees:

Order of Business—C. L. Dowell, W. H. H. Lawhon, L. R. Dixon.
Foreign Missions—R. H. Herring, G. W. Harmon, A. J. Lane.
State Missions—L. R. Dixon, J. W. Little, N. J. Muse.
Temperance—C. L. Dowell, T. L. Chisholm, N. W. Dixon.
Home Missions—J. R. Edwards, W. M. Bostick, H. R. Harward.
Education—W. H. H. Lawhon, J. T. Paschal, G. C. Phillips.
Sunday Schools—E. P. Pearce, D. E. Murchison, W. V. Cheek.
Periodicals—D. L. Webster, B. B. Phillips, O. B. Mitchell.

Bro. S. F. Conrad told of his work in Charlotte. Bro. R. H. Herring also spoke of the same work.

Committee on Order of Business make a partial report: Meet 9:30 to 11:45, 2:30 to 4:30, 7:30 and adjourn at will. At 7:30 Thursday night Introductory Sermon by R. H. Herring. Friday 9:30 to 10 A. M. Devotional exercises. 10 o'clock Orphanage; 11 o'clock Aged Ministers. Recommended that leading speakers be limited to 25 minutes and others to 15 minutes. Report adopted.

Bro. C. L. Dowell offered a resolution that a committee be appointed to aid the Historian, and that six months more time be given for publication of history. Resolution adopted.

Adjourned. Prayer by F. D. King.

THURSDAY NIGHT—7:30.

Introductory sermon was preached by R. H. Herring from II Timothy 4:2.

FRIDAY MORNING—9:30.

Devotional exercises conducted by S. A. Ives. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Letters were read from Love's Creek, Jonesboro, May's Chapel, Mechanics Hill, Mt. Pleasant, Pine Grove, Rocky River, Sandy Creek, Staley. Other ministers present: S. W. Fuquay, J. W. Hartsell. Visitors present: E. L. Middleton, J. S. Farmer, L. Johnson.

Bro. H. M. Eure, pastor of the Methodist church of Carthage, was recognized.

Committee on Order of Business recommends that State Missions take the place of Aged Ministers at 11 o'clock A. M. The Woman's Mission Societies are to have a meeting at 2:30 P. M. and be addressed by L. Johnson.

Other Order of Business as follows: 2:30, Periodicals; 3, Aged Ministers; 3:30, Home Missions. At 7:30 Reminiscences of Associations and Men by W. H. H. Lawhon, and Distinctive Baptist Principles by L. Johnson.

Report on Orphanage was read by J. W. Hartsell.

ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage was founded in 1885 with the lamented J. H. Mills as General Manager. He spent ten years of his life working from the mountains to the seashore in the interest of the Orphanage. And as he plead with men for money and means, the great tears chased each other down, one could readily see that his whole soul was in the work. During which time he built houses to shelter 150 children, and a farm containing about 300 acres. At the end of said term he resigned, and in about three years his natural body fell a victim to the last enemy, and his spirit went to God who gave it. Yet Mills lives on in the memory and hearts of the good people of this great Baptist host.

The noble hearted Boone then had the same responsibility placed on him. He worked hard and faithfully for the betterment of the Orphanage, the work prospered wonderfully under his watch care, until God took him to the final resting place prepared for those who love Him.

Therefore, we see as the old soldiers fall in the battlefield, God holds men in reserve to fill their places. After Mills and Boone had passed away, the mantel was placed on Bro. Kesler, and with his noble insight of business and his great heart filled with high and noble purposes the work has grown steadily on. He now has

441 acres of land worth	$ 15,000
Buildings worth	65,900
Waterworks worth	20,000
Invested Fund worth	20,000
Total	$120,900

Number of children in the Orphanage, 385. We can now see at a glance that the Orphanage has grown in value from year to year, and this number of children looking to us for food and shelter with the contributions falling sadly behind, the Orphanage is hampered with debt perhaps about five thousand dollars, the prices of supplies have also gone up. With these facts staring us in the face we see that contributions must be increased or the Orphanage must suffer.

Therefore, we urge that all the Sunday Schools take a monthly collection for the Orphanage, and that all the pastors and churches hold a special service on Thanksgiving Day that a large collection be raised, as the Orphanage must depend largely on that collection in order that the children may be provided for during the coming winter, and that the way may be opened for others. We, therefore, urge on everyone to act and act quickly as the King's business requires haste.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Hartsell,
For the Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by T. S. Crutchfield and J. W. Little and pledges taken amounting to $645.50. Report adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

There is vast Baptist destitution in North Carolina. This destitution is principally in the East. There is in Eastern North Carolina, covering one-fifth of the area of the State that have only one twenty-fifth of the Baptists of the State. There is in Eastern North Carolina eighty square miles to every Baptist church, while in the State altogether we have a church to every twenty-seven square miles. One-sixth of the white population of the State are in the Baptist churches, but in the East we have not quite one-twenty-fifth of the population. Hyde county has only one Baptist church and not more than twenty-five Baptists in the whole county. This fertile section of the State is being developed rapidly and we should endeavor to keep up with the material progress that is being made. The greatest destitution in the Piedmont Section of our State is in the factory towns that are growing so rapidly, and we are trying to supply this as best we can. There is great need of development among our people of Western North Carolina.

Our State Board appropriated $40,000 to State Missions this year $5,000 additional as a church building fund, making $45,000 in all.

There are now about 160 missionaries in the employ of our State Mission Board that are having good success. Let us arise in the strength of our God and put forth effort commensurate with our responsibility and the material progress of our State !

L. R. Dixon,
J. W. Little,
N. J. Muse,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by L. Johnson, and pledges taken amounting to $405.50. Report adopted.

Moderator announced the following committees :

Prayer Meetings—S. N. Liles, C. A. Craven, C. H. Smith.
Aged Ministers—W. M. Bostick, John Lewis, R. F. Andrews.
Orphanage—J. W. Hartsell, S. A. Ives, W. P. Dark.
Sunday School Libraries—H. F. Seawell, E. L. Perry, W. G. Jennings.
Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Carthage Church.

Nominate Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—C. O. Mainor, W. C. Teague, B. B. Stinson.

Place and Preacher Next Association—Delegates 1st section, B. B. Stinson, Chairman.

Nominate Trustees Associational School—Dr. H. T. Chapin, W. J. Hackney, C. M. Webster.

Auditing Committee—W. I. Brooks, H. O. Vestal, C. D. Poe.

Adjourned for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Moderator called the Association to order. Report on Periodicals was read by D. L. Webster.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The world is mindful of the great power and value of the newspaper as one of the most effective means of moulding character and shaping sentiment, either for good or evil.

Our Baptist host has long since felt the need of a religious newspaper, and it is said to their credit, they were not slow to adopt the "Biblical Recorder" as their organ—a paper that has ever rung clear upon all the tenets of the gospel, as we hold it, and have defended same with a loyalty that has won the love and confidence of the brotherhood.

Very near every part of our country is being penetrated by railroads and free delivery mail service ; therefore our town and country homes are flooded with literature, much of which is destructive to the minds and hearts of the people.

Hence, in order to offset and correct the evil influence that may come into our homes by bad literature, and also to inform our people of the great work and still greater needs of the Baptist people and the Lord's work, we heartily recommend the "Biblical Recorder," a paper that has steadily grown in power and efficiency as the years have passed.

We also recommend "Charity and Children" as one of the brightest and best papers of its kind published in the State. We urge that a copy of "Charity and Children" be placed in every home in North Carolina, that these homes may be brought in touch with the great work and needs of the Orphanage.

We recommend our Sunday School literature published by our Board in Nashville, Tenn., also all missionary literature sent out by the different Boards.

D. L. Webster,
B. B. Phillips,
O. B. Mitchell.

On motion to adopt, remarks by D. L. Webster and J. S. Farmer. Report adopted.

C. H. Smith offered the following resolution :

Resolved. That this Association at its present session appoint a committee of three (3) members, whose duty it shall be to prepare and have printed in leaflet form a program and order of business for the next session of this Association, and to mail printed copies of same to each church in the Association at least thirty days before next said session.

C. H. Smith.

Remarks were made by C. H. Smith, C. L. Dowell, D. L. Webster, H. F. Seawell, C. O. Mainor and J. J. Farmer. Resolution adopted.

Report on Aged Ministers' Relief was prepared by W. M. Bostick and read by R. B. Lineberry.

AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

There are now a number of aged and wornout ministers who have passed through their labors, preaching the gospel of the blessed Master without the means of sustenance, and are now appealing to every Christian heart far the bare necessities of life. It is our duty to relieve their wants, a question which finds its response in the heart of every lover of the Lord Jesus. Our duty to God and the sufferings of humanity demand it. Realizing its importance, let us give the matter a greater consideration by contributing more largely to the relieving of their wants, thereby showing our appreciation of their labors in the Master's cause. Let the pastors continue to bring the subject before their people, urging them to a sense of duty enjoined by the Lord Jesus Christ, whom we propose to serve and obey.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. Bostick,
For the Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by W. M. Bostick and L. R. Dixon. Report adopted. Pastors are requested to take a collection in December for Aged Ministers' Relief.

Report on Home Mission was read by J. R. Edwards.

HOME MISSIONS.

Jesus was a missionary, and Christianity is missionary or it is a fraud. "Like a mighty army moves the church of God," we sing. But the Baptists of the South have been doing more than sing. By leaps and bounds they have been moving forward, in keeping with the original purpose of their convention declared in these words: "It shall be the design of this convention to promote domestic and foreign missions." Through their Home Mission Board they have been and are reaching out to possess the people of the land.

The Board with 42 missionaries carries on its work at 60 churches and stations in Cuba, Isle of Pines and Panama, and with 877 more at more than 2,570 churches and stations in fifteen Southern States. Its work is among native Americans, foreign people, negroes and Indians. It does general missionary evangelistic work in the mountain schools.

The Board during the 63 years of its history has had in its employ an average of 205 missionaries who have baptized more than 145,000 persons, organized over 5,000 churches at an expense of less than $4,500,000, a sum which—we blush to say it—is $200,000 or less, than Southern Baptist churches use for home expenses in a single year. The past year there have been 22,404 baptisms and 18,015 additions to the churches by letter, or a total of 40,419, as a result of the labors of the Board, and best of all, the mission churches have had a year of remarkable growth in spiritual life, liberality and self-support, all at an expense of $265,335.59. Of this amount the Baptist churches of North Carolina contributed the paltry sum of $18,498.19, and received from the Board $11,147. Of that sum the 45 churches of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association paid $452.18.

Now there is much in this glorious work to rejoice over, yet the needs growing greater and greater are not being met as they should be. The South is becoming a land of cities and they must be evangelized. The tide of immigration is turning this way and the increasing number of foreigners must be Christianized; the negroes are among us by the million and they must be uplifted; the people of the adjacent islands are calling for help, and it must be given; the schools are crowded with young people and they must be educated; and the crying need abroad, the world over, must be met by the planting and training at home.

That we as an Association may do our part of this great work, we, your committee, urge the pastors and delegates here present to circulate among the members of our respective churches the free literature of the Home Mission Board; to secure subscriptions for "Our Home Field;" to organize young people into reading clubs, and study classes, or induce them to read mission literature at their homes alone, so that they may be rightly and well informed concerning the Home Mission work. And, further, to formulate some plan of systematic giving by which every member of the local church shall be induced to give something for Home Missions, and so double next year our contributions to the same.

All this we beg to assure you can and will be done if we have our greatest need met, the baptism of the Holy Spirit of the Jordan valley and of Pentecost.

James R. Edwards,
H. R. Harward,

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by J. R. Edwards, and pledges taken amounting to $308.00. Report adopted.

Moderator appointed committee on program for next year: C. H. Smith, D. L. Webster and H. F. Seawell.

Committee on place and preacher recommend Tyson's Creek, J. R. Edwards preacher and F. D. King alternate.

Committee on Order of Business made the following report, which was adopted:

Devotional Exercises 9:30, Foreign Missions 9:45, Sunday Schools 10:30, Temperance 11:30, Education 2:30, Prayer-meetings 3:00, and then Sunday School Libraries and miscellaneous business. At 7:30 Saturday night history of Sandy Creek Association, by R. B. Lineberry, and history of Carthage Church, by H. F. Seawell. Sunday morning 9:45 Sunday School Mass Meeting conducted by R. B. Lineberry. At 11:00 o'clock address by Dr. W. L. Poteat on the Baptist in Education, and a sermon at the Presbyterian church by R. H. Herring. At 7:30 a sermon by J. R. Edwards and an address at the Methodist church by Dr. W. L. Poteat.

Adjourned. Prayer by E. L. Middleton.

At 7:30 P. M., W. H. H. Lawhon gave his recollection of Association and men of the past fifty years, and L. Johnson spoke of Distinctive Baptist Principles.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD.

Religious exercises conducted by J. R. Edwards. Minutes of yesterday read and approved, roll called and absentees noted.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by R. H. Herring.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God has set the seal of his approval upon the feeble efforts we have made for the sacred cause of Foreign Missions. He has removed the age-long barriers and given us much success. A great door of opportunity is opened before us by the hand of Him who openeth and no man shutteth. The forces which are at work for the great cause are immeasurable and irresistable, and we must quicken our step and keep pace with the leadings of Providence or deny the faith and desert our great Captain.

For ten years our Foreign Mission Board has made decided progress. Since 1900 our contributions have increased almost four fold, until we are approaching the half million mark, and yet we are giving only twenty cents apiece per year. Our Northern brethren give four time as much per capita, the Presbyterians ten times as much and our Methodist neighbors more than three times as much. We have made progress, and many of our numbers have done well, but taken as a whole, we are falling far short of our duty and opportunity. So very many of our churches are doing nothing and seem to have no missionary conscience.

During the past year twenty-four new missionaries were sent out, making a force of 222, and 334 native assistants, making 556 workers. But how few these are for 2,000,000 Southern Baptists!

A very encouraging part of our work is the fact that we have eight theological schools in the lands in which 150 students are being trained who are to be preachers of the gospel.

We have twelve medical missionaries who last year treated 38,000 patients. This medical work reaches the hearts of the people as nothing else, and reaches the high and wealthy classes as well as the poor and destitute.

Our Publication societies in China and other places are powerful agencies for the spread of the gospel.

Taking into consideration the increasing number of our native helpers and all these other agencies, there has never been a time when the work promised such larger returns for the amount put into its churches.

The Southern Baptist Convention decided to try to raise 25 per cent. more this year than last. To do this our State and Association will be expected to do our part in the advance Many of our churches can easily double and quadruple their gifts, but to do this there must be leadership on the part of some one. Of course the pastor is a mission leader, but we need to awaken interest and enlist leaders among our laymen.

The "Foreign Mission Journal" is a necessity for our information in regard to our Board's work. Tracts will be supplied to all free on request. The New Testament, the most perfect and reliable missionary book, is always at hand. We most earnestly urge our people to give this great work its proper place in our consideration and prayers, feeling confident that when this is done we shall be willing to go or do our part towards sending others.

Respectfully submitted,
R. H. Herring,
For Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by R. H. Herring and J. W. Little, and pledges taken amounting to $442.50. Report adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by E. P. Pearce :

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Sunday School being our most important work for soul-winning, it should be pressed with more zeal and enthusiasm. When we remember that ninety per cent. or more of the conversions are credited to the teaching of God's word in the Sunday School, we should go forward. This object should have the highest consideration of our Convention. The most important idea as we see it, is a more complete organization. "Where there is union there is strength."

Our Field Secretary, Bro. E. L. Middleton, is planning to this end, soliciting the co-operation of the brotherhood of North Carolina, using Associations as the unit.

Our work in North Carolina is bearing fruit in many ways. The Baptists alone of the denominations have a Field Secretary.

It is very encouraging to note the advantage of organized work. According to the reports of the international workers, all the Sunday Schools in North Carolina of both races increased in membership 20,000 from June, 1905, to June, 1908. From our Convention minutes we find that white Baptist Sunday Schools increased over 35,000 December, 1904, to December, 1907. These two periods are practically the same.

If these figures are true, and there are no other sources of information from which we can make comparisons, we with organized work, gained 35,000 scholars while theirs in the same time without organized work lost 15,000. Why should our people hesitate to maintain our work?

While the work of the Board has been very gratifying indeed, yet there is much to be accomplished, we hope, in the near future. If only we are willing to work there is something for each individual to do. Think of 120,000 white Baptist church members who do not belong to any Sunday School. Also over 300,000 white children in North Carolina from four to twenty-one years who do not go to any Sunday School. This should appeal to us as a Macedonian call. We need more workers and money sufficient to support this work without having to draw on the State Mission Board for help.

We therefore recommend that a special collection be arranged in each church that has or has not a Sunday School for the purpose of supporting the Sunday School work in North Carolina independent of having to draw on the State Mission Board for financial support.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. P. Pearce,
D. E. Murchison,
W. V. Cheek,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by E. P. Pearce and E. L. Middleton. Pledges were taken amounting to $51.50. Report adopted.

Report on Temperance was read by C. L. Dowell.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee reports that the cause of Temperance is making very gratifying progress in our churches and communities and in the State. The recent election, resulting in a great victory for Temperance, and the enactment of a prohibitory statute by our Legislature, which statute was ratified by the popular vote of our people by a majority of over 43,000 votes, puts North Carolina in the forefront of the temperance fight. The churches and the people now need to follow up that victory by wholesome instruction by exemplary conduct, by prayer to God and by the diligent and persistent enforcement of the prohibition laws the State over.

Respectfully submitted,
C. L. Dowell,
T. L. Chisholm.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by C. L. Dowell and J. W. Little. Report adopted.

W. M. Bostick made a statement as to Biscoe church, and a collection was taken for this church amounting to $16.36.

Committee to nominate delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention reports as follows:

DELEGATE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONNENTION.

The committee appointed to select a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the name of Bro. H. F. Seawell delegate, R. H. Herring alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
Chas. O. Mainor,
W. C. Teague,
B. B. Stinson,
Committee.

Report adopted. Adjourned with prayer by O. B. Mitchell.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Report on Education was read by W. H. H. Lawhon:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There is no object for which we as a denomination contribute of more vital importance than Education. All other objects of our denominational work to a very great extent draw upon this one object for supplies.

Education is the agency through which the most lasting and effective work of our denomination depends, and is the development of the best there is in us, the medium through which we receive the broadest, highest and deepest conception of God, and form the truest ideas of the world in which we live. There never was a time when Education should be more earnestly sought for than now, because all vocations in life are seeking as never before for cultured talent. We have in Wake Forest a college of which the Baptists of North Carolina may justly be proud, whose graduates are found among the best educated men of our own and other States, and are filling with credit to the college and the denomination as well as to themselves many of the highest positions.

We have at this time several young men who are ready to lay down their lives as a living sacrifice for Christ. These young men are deserving, and we cannot make an expenditure of same amount that will mean more to us as a denomination and bring greater blessing to lost and fallen man than in helping these young men to equip themselves for the gospel ministry. We have also located in the city of Raleigh our University for

Women, which is doing a great work, and we should hold up this institution by our prayers, means and co-operation. Its influence for good is spreading over our State more and more as the years go by. By all means we should educate our girls. And brethren, let us not forget our own Associational School, which should be dear to the heart of every member of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. H. Lawhon,
J. T. Paschal,
G. C. Phillips,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. W. L. Poteat. Pledges were taken amounting to $93.50. Report adopted.

Motion of R. H. Herring to leave off reports and discussion of Prayer Meeting and Sunday School Libraries was tabled.

Report on Prayer Meetings prepared by S. N. Liles was read by L. R. Dixon.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

Your Committee on Prayer Meetings seeing the Spiritual need in our churches, and believing prayer meetings to be a spiritual feeder to every church as well as a means of fitting us for higher and nobler purposes in life and for the extension of God's Kingdom, would recommend that our pastors and deacons use their influence to have prayer meetings in every church in our Association.

S. N. Liles,
C. A. Craven.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by L. R. Dixon. Report adopted.

Report on Sunday School Libraries was read by H. F. Seawell :

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

"Reading maketh the full man," and a habit formed in youth of reading good books tends to the development of mental faculties not otherwise acquired. Bad books are vicious and lend themselves correspondingly to the development which is bad. There is always to every youth the "call to the wild," and bad books written by men whose purpose is only the making of money by their sale, know how to appeal to this spirit of our youths, and it makes necessary intelligence and discretion in the selection of books. Many parents have not the means with which to purchase such books as their children should have ; others are not so familiar with books as to be able to select them with proper care and discretion ; a neighborhood circulating library, a most excellent thing when properly selected, is not always possible. The Sunday School should be possessed of such talent as to make the selection of a library what it ought to be, and collectively, in the Sunday School, the purchase of the books is less burdensome.

We urge that every Sunday School in the Association provide itself with a library, however small it may be to begin with, and add to it from time to time such new and proper publications as will keep up interest and promote the spirit of reading. By setting aside the collection for one Sunday in each month for this purpose a most excellent library can be built up and maintained.

While three-fourths of the Sunday Schools of this Association have no libraries, which reproach should be at once removed, we urge especially care in the selection of libraries. No library should be purchased simply because the books are cheap. In the purchase of many books in bulk, the publishers usually manage to get off at least a few books which otherwise are not salable. We urge, in conclusion, that the Superintendent, after the selection of good libraries for their schools, call attention to the books and secure the proper circulation of the books among the members of the school.

Respectfully submitted,
H. F. Seawell,
W. G. Jennings,
E. L. Perry,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by H. F. Seawell and E. L. Middleton. Report was adopted.

Report of Trustees of Associational School was read by L. R. Dixon :

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

Being unable to secure a Principal, we have no school at present. There is a debt on the property of about $330, and about $74 in the treasury and about $14.50 in the hands of the treasurer of the Association belonging to the school.

Owing to a resolution offered by Bro. W. H. Tyler at our last session to sell the school property, which resolution was tabled, it has gone out that the property is to be for sale hence we, the Trustees present, recommend that the Association decide the question as to what we shall do with the school property.

L. R. Dixon, Sec.
For Trustees.

Report adopted. Moved and carried that the money in the hands of the treasurer be applied to the debt on school property ; that the property be not sold but that a committee of three be appointed to confer with other Associations about joining with us in this school.

Committee to nominate Executive Board report as follows :

TO NOMINATE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, your Committee to Nominate Executive Board, beg to report as follows : C. L. Dowell, T. L. Chisholm, D. L. Webster, R. B. Lineberry, D. H. Perry.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. Griffin,
G. F. Garner,
G. W. Temple,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Resolution of thanks offered by R. H. Herring was adopted by rising vote.

RESOLTUION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this Association express its appreciation and thanks to the good people of Carthage for the generous and gracious hospitality extended to us during this session of the Association.

R. H. HERRING.

Committee to Nominate Trustees of Associational School report:

TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

We, the Committee to Nominate Trustees for the Associational School at Mt. Vernon Springs suggest that Messrs. W. H. H. Lawhon, L. R. Dixon and Prof. R. P. Johnson be elected.

H. T. CHAPIN,
C. M. WEBSTER,
W. J. HACKNEY.

Report adopted.

W. H. H. Lawhon elected Chairman, R. H. Herring secretary and treasurer and L. R. Dixon made agent to rent the farm.

Moderator appointed committee to confer about school: W. H. H. Lawhon, R. H. Herring and L. R. Dixon.

Committee appointed to aid Historian: W. H. H. Lawhon, L. R. Dixon, J. T. Paschal.

Auditing Committee reported as follows:

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the receipts and disbursements of your Treasurer and find same correct with a balance on hand in favor of the Association of $15.00.

This Oct. 3, 1908.

W. I. BROOKS,
H. O. VESTAL,
C. D. POE.

Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand	$ 15 00
Minute Fund	48 41
State Missions	59 41
Home Missions	51 41
Foreign Missions	58 39
Ministerial Education	22 74
Ministerial Relief	6 74
Orphanage	89 35
	$351 45

T. L. CHISHOLM,
Treasurer.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, the Executive Board of the Sandy Creek Association, submit the following report: That we have done nothing except the recommending of the appropriation by the State Board of small amounts to two or three of our weaker churches.

L. R. Dixon.

Report adopted.

Moved and carried that the address of welcome and response be omitted and an address on some topic be read at each Association by some one appointed by the Moderator. On motion, the Association asked the Moderator to prepare this address next year.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to investigate the Sunday School interest and report at the next Sunday School Association: R. B. Lineberry, J. R. Edwards, C. L. Dowell, W. H. H. Lawhon, R. H. Herring.

Ordered that the Sunday School minutes be printed as an appendix to the minutes of this Association.

Adjourned. The congregation joined in singing "Blest be the tie that binds," and W. H. H. Lawhon led in prayer.

Saturday night R. P. Johnson read a paper prepared by Dr. J. B. Richardson on "What Baptists Have Done for the World." R. B. Lineberry gave a brief outline of history of Sandy Creek Association. H. F. Seawell gave the history of Carthage Church. W. H. H. Lawhon also gave an interesting account of the early struggles of Carthage Church.

Sunday morning there was a Sunday School Mass-Meeting in which speeches were made by J. T. Paschal, R. P. Ellington and E. L. Middleton.

At 11 o'clock Dr. W. L. Poteat spoke on the Baptist in history as an agency in the plan of the gospel. R. H. Herring preached in the Presbyterian Church.

At night J. R. Edwards preached in the Baptist Church and Dr. W. L. Poteat spoke in the Methodist Church.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY WORK FOR YEAR 1907-1908.

CHURCHES	Members.	State Missions.	Home Missions	Foreign Mis'ns	Orphanage	Training School	Other Objects	Total
Aberdeen	15	$ 17 35	$10 70	$ 13 00			$ 1 00	$ 42 05
Bethany	9	2 20	4 85	6 30				13 35
Cameron	13	7 35	6 15	26 29				39 79
Carthage	12	7 35	9 51	13 50			1 00	31 36
Gum Springs	10		3 00		$ 1 00	$ 4 00		8 00
Jonesboro		4 00	7 50	3 50			20	15 20
Mineral Springs	12							
Mt. Olive	30	5 10	4 00	6 00	30 00			45 10
Pittsboro	14	28 85	16 15	17 10	25 00	10 00		97 10
Rock Springs	20	1 50	1 00	1 00				3 50
Sanford	27	11 40	22 06	67 34			1 00	100 89
Siler City	18	23 40		25 55	15 00			64 95
Siler City Aid Society							193 34	193 34
Total		$ 108 50	$84 92	$ 179 58	$71 00	$14 00	$ 195 54	$ 654 63

REPORT OF SUNBEAM WORK FOR YEAR 1907-1908.

SOCIETIES	Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Mis'ns	Orphanage	Training School	Other Objects	Total
Sunbeams, Cameron	12	$ 2 80	$ 1 62	$ 3 63			$ 1 50	$ 9 55
Sunbeams, Carthage				7 92				7 92
Sunbeams, Siler City	45	7 00						7 00
Willing Workers, Carthage	16			8 00			21 20	29 20
B. Y. P. U., Pittsboro	10				$ 5 00			5 00
Total	83	$ 9 80	$ 1 62	$ 19 55	$ 5 00		$ 22 70	$ 58 67

SECTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

FIRST SECTION.

Brush Creek
Mechanics' Hill,
Mount Pleasant,
Union Grove,
Moon's Chapel,
Sandy Creek,
Tyson's Creek,
Beulah,
Staley,
Fork Creek,
Deep River,
Fall Creek,
Pine Grove.

SECOND SECTION.

Emmaus,
New Salem,
Siler City,
Mount Olive,
Rocky River,
Rock Springs,
Love's Creek,
Hickory Mountain
Pittsboro.

THIRD SECTION.

Bear Creek,
May's Chapel,
Flat Springs.
Gum Springs,
Sandy Branch,
Rives' Chapel,
Mineral Springs,
Bethany,
Antioch,

FOURTH SECTION.

Aberdeen,
Jonesboro,
Carthage,
Eagle Springs,
Cool Springs,
Cameron,
Flint Hill,
Biscoe.
Friendship,
Ephesus,
Sanford,
Bethlehem,
Southern Pines,
Pinebluff.

CHURCH STATISTICS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1907-1908.

CHURCHES.	Time of Preaching	PALTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Reported Last Year
Antioch	1st.	G. W. Harman, Ore Hill	J. W. Burke, Goldston	6	3					13	17	30	21
Aberdeen	2nd	E. D. Poe, Wake Forest	A. F. Yates, Aberdeen		5		2			16	31	47	45
Bear Creek	2nd	J. L. Smith, Siler City	B. B. Stinson, Goldston	13			5	2	3	72	114	186	182
Bethany	3rd.	J. R. Edwards, Sanford	D. E. Murchison, Gulf			1	5	2	1	32	58	90	96
Bethlehem	1st.	C. L. Dowell, Carthage	John A. Fry, Carthage	18	7		6	1	3	88	168	256	227
Beulah	2nd	W. H. H. Lawhon, rfd Carthage	H. C. Lambert, Noise		1		4		1	56	52	108	110
Biscoe	1st.	W. M. Bostic, Biscoe	W. C. Wright, Biscoe	2	1					9	11	20	17
Brush Creek	1st.	K. W. Hogan, Wake Forest	Jas. B. Gilbert, Siler City	17	1		2	1	1	97	96	193	183
Cameron	2nd & 4th	C. L. Dowell, Carthage	C. C. Yates, Cameron	6	2		7	1	1	38	50	88	102
Carthage	1st & 3rd.	C. L. Dowell, Carthage	W. G. Jennings, Carthage	8	12		4		2	45	63	108	94
Cool Springs	1st	W. H. H. Lawhon, Carthage	J. H. Henley, rfd 1, Sanford	1	10		2		1	47	58	105	94
Deep River	4th	G. W. Harman, Ore Hill	R. C. Stokes, Coleridge		4					12	18	30	25
Eagle Springs	4th	W. H. H. Lawhon, Carthage	J. A. Desern, Eagle Springs				1			12	17	29	29
Emmaus	2nd	L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon Springs	G. M. Clark, Pittsboro		3		9		6	58	80	138	153
Ephesus	3rd	J. M. Henley, rfd Sanford	T. J. Savage, rfd 1, Sanford	5						14	19	33	29
Fall Creek		J. L. Smith, Siler City	J. W. Brewer, Fall Creek			1	2		1	128	146	274	276
Fork Creek	1st												
Flat Springs	3rd	J. B. Willis, Wake Forest	C. J. Kelly, Moncure	1			1			13	12	25	25
Flint Hill	1st	J. W. Hartsell, Cameron	J. F. Stutts, Hemp							6	18	24	37
Friendship	4th	C. L. Dowell, Carthage	N. J. Muse, rfd 4, Carthage							22	26	48	51
Gum Springs	3rd	R. B. Lineberry, Pittsboro	C. D. Wilkie, Moncure	2	4		5	1	2	60	101	161	163
Hickory Mountain	2nd	L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon Springs	N. B. Justice, Kimbolton	7	1	1	3			50	50	100	96
Jonesboro	1st.	F. D. King, Jonesboro	D. O. Bryant, rfd 1, Sanford	15	10		5			54	84	138	113
Love's Creek		R. H. Herring, Siler City	J. L. Gilliland, rfd 2, Siler City				2		2	74	119	193	201
May's Chapel	1st.	L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon Springs	N. H. Perry, Cumnock	1			1		2	48	51	99	78
Mechanics' Hill	1st.	H. M. Ingram, Star	George Moore, rfd, Spies						1	24	41	65	68
Mineral Springs	3rd	O. B. Mitchell, Ore Hill	N. R. Dixon, Siler City	6	2		1	2	2	30	49	79	76
Moon's Chapel	2nd	J. W. Little, Lemon Springs	E. L. Vestal, Jordan	2				1		19	37	56	55
Mt. Olive	1st	R. B. Lineberry, Pittsboro	S. M. Lewis, rfd 1, Saxapahaw	11	2	3	7		5	70	93	163	158
Mt. Pleasant	1st.	J. W. Little, Lemon Springs	Geo. R. Williams, Staley							11	35	46	46
New Salem	3rd	R. B. Lineberry, Pittsboro	E. L. Perry, Bynum	5	1		2	2		20	34	54	52
Pinebluff		S. A. Ives, Pinebluff	A. D. Ives, Pinebluff	2			2					14	
Pine Grove	4th	J. G. Williams, Star	B. Deaton, rfd 2, Spies				1		1	16	28	44	41
Pittsboro	3rd	R. B. Lineberry, Pittsboro	J. W. Moore, Pittsboro	6	8		3			24	35	59	48
Rives' Chapel	2nd	L. R. Dixon, Mt Vernon Springs	C. W. Oliver, Millwood	10		1				50	75	125	114
Rock Springs	2nd	O. B. Mitchell, Ore Hill	P. T. Farrell, Pittsboro	2	6	2	5	1	1	25	33	58	54
Rocky River	3rd	R. H. Herring, Siler City	M. W. Duncan, Siler City				5	1	3	42	64	106	115
Sandy Branch	4th	R. H. Herring, Siler City	T. G. Ivey, Bear Creek	4			1	2	1	80	90	170	166
Sandy Creek	3rd	G. W. Harman, Ore Hill	E. A. McMasters, Staley				1			22	40	62	63
Sanford	1st, 2d 4th	J. R. Edwards, Sanford	T. L. Chisholm, Sanford	1	3		19	6	2	50	112	162	180
Siler City	2nd	R. H. Herring, Siler City	C. M. Bray, Siler City	11	14		2	1	1	47	73	120	99
Staley	4th	J. L. Smith, Siler City	C. P. Fox, Staley,				1			9	6	15	16
Southern Pines	1, 2, 3 & 4	John Lewis, Southern Pines	W. H. Lindsay, Southern Pines										
Tyson's Creek	2nd	G. W. Harman, Ore Hill	L. Moon, Harper's X Roads					1		27	46	73	75
Union Grove	1st.	J. L. Smith, Siler City	G. F. Garner, Seagrove						1	44	104	148	148
Total				162	100	9	116	25	44	1674	2454	4142	4045

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Improvements	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Old Ministers' Relief	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Grand Total
Antioch					$ 2 00		$ 1 00		$ 2 00			$ 1 24	$ 60		$ 6 84
Aberdeen	$ 175 00	$ 23 62	$ 38 00	$ 23 74	44 58	$ 23 62	25 28	$ 2 05	38 80		$ 3 69	1 96	1 00	$ 36 25	437 59
Bear Creek	100 00			6 75	6 00	4 00	9 00		13 05		1 00		25		140 05
Bethany	200 00	64 97		17 94	10 39	11 40	11 53		16 08		3 25	2 72	1 45	22 00	361 73
Bethlehem	125 00		57 00		6 00	5 00	5 00		9 00				1 00		208 00
Beulah	50 00	25 00		7 40	4 00	1 00	2 50		4 00		1 00		1 00		95 90
Biscoe		900 00			5 00	2 50	3 00		2 60		2 50		60	60	916 80
Brush Creek	150 00	125 00	60 00	12 50	13 02	5 30	8 30		32 50		3 20		50	10 00	420 32
Cameron	400 00		13 50	33 35	49 15	21 27	72 17		84 91	$ 60 00	5 00	4 00	1 00	68 05	812 40
Carthage	375 00		79 45	47 30	87 35	25 00	54 42	2 50	61 09		5 00	5 10	1 50	83 65	777 26
Cool Springs	100 00		7 00	17 00	11 00	5 53	5 00		24 25			2 00	1 50		173 28
Deep River	50 00			7 70	1 00	1 00	2 00		1 50			1 50	50		65 20
Eagle Springs	80 00			4 72	5 00	5 00	5 00		6 00		2 00		75		108 47
Emmaus	100 00			5 23	4 00	2 50	9 17		10 89				1 10	4 00	136 89
Ephesus				3 37	74	82	1 53		2 51			60	1 00	1 00	11 57
Fall Creek	75 00				7 00	7 00	8 00		10 00		1 00		1 80	7 00	116 80
Flat Springs	100 00	100 00		7 25	5 85	2 85	4 74		7 80				1 00		229 49
Flint Hill	34 00			4 00											38 00
Friendship					2 50	2 75	2 50		4 00		1 85		70		14 30
Gum Springs	150 00		5 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	10 07		11 11	4 00	7 00		1 75	1 50	214 43
Hickory Mountain	100 00		3 80	6 32	5 00	3 10	5 10		14 79				1 50		139 61
Jonesboro	300 00	475 60	120 66	17 54	44 05	22 01	94 75		33 14				2 50	33 37	1143 62
Love's Creek	212 50		5 00	5 00	16 50	14 00	35 00		25 00		3 50	5 53	3 00	25 00	350 03
May's Chapel	100 00			4 00	12 36	8 00	9 62		31 88				1 25	6 30	173 41
Mechanics' Hill	40 00		8 00		1 00	2 00	1 00		2 45		1 00	1 00	50		56 95
Mineral Springs	100 00	75 00	6 00	16 60	8 00	7 50	22 80		14 00		3 00		1 41	5 08	259 39
Moon's Chapel	75 00		15 00	2 50	4 00	3 50	3 50		10 00		11 50		50		125 50
Mount Olive	150 00		13 20	8 00	23 10	12 91	15 68		46 45		5 30	2 00	1 50	5 40	283 54
Mount Pleasant	50 00				1 20	1 26	2 50		2 00				50		57 52
New Salem	50 00			2 10	3 50	2 57	3 00		4 00		1 50	1 35	1 15	6 80	75 97
Pinebluff	91 62			9 91	1 00	1 00	1 00		4 04				50	5 25	114 35
Pine Grove	40 00				1 00				4 00				55		45 55
Pittsboro	200 00	22 50	17 40	19 75	48 16	41 74	44 41		65 36	35 00	7 86	3 00	1 50	12 50	519 18
Rives' Chapel	100 00		60	5 25	6 00	3 65	4 35		10 00		25	50	85	24 00	155 45
Rock Springs	75 00	300 00		5 00	2 50	3 00	7 55		3 00		1 00		1 00		398 05
Rocky River	162 50	60 00		6 00	10 00	6 00	10 00		20 00		2 50	3 00	1 50	16 50	298 00
Sandy Branch	200 00	92 00	16 00	7 15	10 25	6 00	18 00		15 00		4 00		2 00		370 40
Sandy Creek	50 00			5 25					3 07				75	10 30	69 37
Sanford	900 00		250 00		100 00	30 00	250 50		125 00		11 00		1 50		1667 50
Siler City	437 50	525 74	111 41	38 20	62 65	25 00	63 23		55 00		5 00		2 50	26 85	1353 03
Staley				4 00	2 50	1 00	2 00	25	5 50		25	25	50		16 25
Southern Pines	405 32	215 00	116 95	27 49	36 00		15 00		10 40				90		799 57
Tyson's Creek	75 00			5 00	6 40	3 33	21 01		10 86				1 25	60 00	182 85
Union Grove	60 00		1 25	5 00	3 50		3 00		6 00			1 00	50		80 25
Total	$6238 44	$3004 43	$ 945 22	$ 406 34	$ 631 25	$ 332 11	$ 872 71	$ 4 80	$ 863 03	$ 99 00	$ 85 65	$ 95 15	$ 48 61	$ 471 40	$ 14048 15

PLEDGES OF CHURCHES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1707-1908

CHURCHES	Orphanage	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Mis'ns	S. S. Missions	Education
Antioch	$ 2 50	$ 2 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	....
Aberdeen	25 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	.....	.....
Bear Creek	18 00	6 00	4 00	12 00	1 00	$ 2 50
Bethany	15 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	1 00	2 50
Bethlehem	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	....
Beulah	5 00	4 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	1 00
Biscoe	....	....	....	....	....	....
Brush Creek	13 00	10 00	6 00	....	....	....
Cameron	75 00	40 00	40 00	60 00	2 50	5 00
Carthage	50 00	40 00	25 00	45 00	10 00	10 00
Cool Springs	15 00	10 00	10 00	6 00	1 00	2 00
Deep River	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	....	....
Eagle Springs	7 00	6 00	2 00	3 00	....	....
Emmaus	10 00	5 00	3 00	10 00	1 00	....
Ephesus	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	....	....
Fall Creek	11 00	7 50	7 50	8 00	1 00	1 50
Flat Springs	20 00	2 50	3 00	....	....	....
Flint Hill	2 00	2 00	....	1 00	....	....
Fork Creek	....	....	....	....	....	....
Friendship	5 00	5 00	....	......	....	3 00
Gum Springs	10 00	9 00	5 00	10 00	....	4 00
Hickory Mountain	30 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	1 00	2 00
Jonesboro	40 00	25 00	25 00	50 00	1 00	8 00
Love's Creek	25 00	15 00	10 00	25 00	1 00	5 00
May's Chapel	25 00	9 00	8 00	12 00	......	1 00
Mineral Springs	12 50	9 00	8 00	15 00	2 00	3 00
Mechanics' Hill	......	....	......	....	....	... .
Moon's Chapel	10 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	2 00
Mt. Olive	18 00	15 00	8 00	10 00	1 00	5 00
Mt. Pleasant	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	50	....
New Salem	3 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	....	1 00
Pinebluff	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.. ..	....
Pine Grove	4 00	1 00	....	....	....	... .
Pittsboro	40 00	35 00	37 50	35 00	2 00	7 50
Rives' Chapel	10 00	6 00	5 00	6 00	1 00	1 00
Rock Springs	3 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 00
Rocky River	15 00	8 00	5 00	10 00	1 00	2 00
Sandy Branch	15 00	10 00	6 00	18 00	1 00	3 00
Sandy Creek	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	....	....
Sanford	....	....	....	....	12 00	11 00
Siler City	50 00	35 00	30 00	35 00	2 50	5 00
Southern Pines	15 00	25 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	....
Staley	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00
Tysor's Creek	12 00	10 00	8 00	10 00	1 00	2 00
Union Grove	6 00	3 00	1 00	3 00	....	1 00
Total	$ 645 50	$ 405 50	$ 308 00	$ 442 50	$ 51 50	$ 93 50

Constitution of Sandy Creek Baptist Association.

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of members not exceeding three in number from each church, chosen by the different churches in our Union, together with such ordained ministers as may hold their membership with churches belonging to this Association.

Art. 2. The application of any church for membership shall be referred to a committee, who shall examine its church covenant and articles of faith, and upon favorable report may be admitted as a constituent member of this body.

Art. 3. In letters from the different churches shall be expressed the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and has died since last Association ; also the total number in fellowship, together with the contributions forwarded.

4. All members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church belonging to the Union, but shall sit only as an advisory council.

Art. 5. The Association shall elect a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, annually, by the suffrages of members present; a majority of the ballots cast being necessary to decide the choice.

Art. 6. There shall be appointed by the Association at each annual session an Executive Board, to consist of five members, whose duty shall be to solicit funds for the support of a missionary or missionaries to labor in such destitute portions of the Association as they may designate, and to disburse such funds as may be sent up to the Association for this purpose, drawing upon the Treasurer of the Association for any amount in his hands for this field of labor. It shall also be their duty upon the death of any of their members, or of the Treasurer of the Association, to fill such vacancies.

Art. 7. The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any church in her Union who shall knowingly and wilfully violate the Constitution or depart from the orthodox principles of religion.

Art. 8. Amendments to this Constitution shall be made only by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the Association present.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Sandy Creek Sunday School Association.

Friday, March 27, 1908.

The Sandy Creek Sunday School Association met with the church at Rocky River, Chatham county, N. C., in its annual session.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. L. R. Dixon from Luke 24:48, after which Bro. John E. Ray, of Raleigh, addressed the Association.

After an intermission of one hour the Association reassembled, and devotional exercises were conducted by R. R. Moore. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The roll of churches was called and the following reported:

Bear Creek—B. B. Stinson.
Bethany—Report, no delegates.
Brush Creek—E. M. Edwards.
Cool Springs—Report, no delegates.
Flat Springs—Report, no delegates.
Hickory Mountain—W. B. Dorsett, Arthur Buckner, Bernice White.
Jonesboro—Report, no delegates.
Love's Creek—Geo. W. Womble, John Thomas, Robert Hudson.
May's Chapel—N. H. Perry, W. M. Burns.
Mineral Springs—N. R. Dixon, Carlos Elmore, Carlisle Dixon.
Mt. Olive—Willie Lineberry, Mahlon Thomas.
Pittsboro—R. P. Johnson, Victor Johnson.
Rock Springs—Report, no delegates.
Rocky River—Ransom Edwards, M. W. Duncan, Jno. W. Teague.
Sandy Branch—G. W. Burke, J. A. Phillips, W. P. Ivey.
Siler City—D. R. Sears, M. J. Boling.
Tyson's Creek—Report—No delegates.

Ordained Ministers present: R. H. Herring, R. B. Lineberry, L. R. Dixon, R. R. Moore, D. R. Sears, J. S. Farmer, representative of "Biblical Recorder.

Superintendents of Sunday Schools present: W. Merritt Burns.

On motion of R. H. Herring, L. R. Dixon and W. Merritt Burns were re-elected Moderator and Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Program prepared by pastor was adopted.

"How to Have Evergreen Sunday Schools in the Country" was discussed by M. J. Boling, R. H. Dixon and R. R. Moore, and answered by

R. P. Johnson as follows: "By Christians being interested in the salvation of souls."

"Trained teachers—how to have them," was discussed by R. B. Lineberry and R. P. Johnson. Answered by R. P. Johnson: "Trained teachers are those prepared intellectually and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead souls to Christ. We can have them by praying for them and encouraging them in this work."

"Sunday School Literature" was discussed by J. S. Farmer.

The Moderator named the following committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of Rocky River Church.

Place and preacher for the next meeting of this Association: M. J. Boling, N. H. Perry and G. W. Burke.

The Association now adjourned to meet at 9:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Prayer and praise service conducted by R. B. Lineberry. The following delegates were enrolled:

Rives Chapel—T. J. Dark.

Moon's Chapel—A. J. Lane, J. M. Jordan.

Sanford—E. D. Nall.

Mt. Olive—R. P. Ellington.

Brush Creek—J. E. Spence.

Superintendents of Sunday Schools: J. E. Spence, D. L. Webster, H. A. Teague, B. B. Webster.

Ministers: J. L. Smith.

Committee on Place and Preacher for next Association report and recommend Sandy Branch as place and C. L. Dowell as minister to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Report adopted.

"The Sunday School and the Orphanage" was discussed by J. S. Farmer, D. L. Webster and R. H. Herring.

"Short Talks on Live Topics" conducted by R. H. Herring.

1. The Superintendent—Who? R. P. Johnson.
2. The Best Music—How? J. S. Farmer.
3. Finance—Best Methods? R. B. Lineberry.
4. The Session—One Hour or More? L. R. Dixon.
5. Who Should be There? D. R. Sears.

"Sunday Schools and Missions" was discussed by R. H. Herring, R. B. Lineberry, J. S. Farmer, T. J. Dark.

Query tabled.

A collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $5.03.

After an intermission of one hour devotional exercises were conducted by J. L. Smith.

The Moderator appointed R. B. Lineberry and W. Merritt Burns a committee to confer with Sandy Creek Association for the publication of the minutes of the Sunday School Association as a supplement to the minutes of the regular Association.

Organized classes and class-rooms was discussed by J. S. Farmer, R. H. Herring, L. R. Dixon, R. B. Lineberry and J. L. Smith.

"Round Table" (open conference).

Questions and Answers conducted by R. B. Lineberry. A number of pertinent questions were asked and very interesting discussions followed :

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock a Temperance Mass-meeting was held. At 11 o'clock there was a Temperance address by J. M. Haymore. A collection was taken for the benefit of the Anti-Saloon League amounting to $7.83.

R. B. Lineberry preached in the afternoon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1907-1908.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Enrolled	Average Attendance	Months Kept Open	Volumes in Library	Quarterlies Papers Taken	School Expenses	Other Objects
Aberdeen	J. A. Bryant, Aberdeen	5	37	25	12		100	$ 23 74	$ 25 00
Antioch	J W. Burke, Goldston		85						
Bear Creek	J. D. Thomas, Bear Creek	5	83	60	9		90		
Bethany	D. E. Murchison, Gulf	5	30	23	12		54		13 39
Beulah	M. E. Seawell, Highfalls	8	90	53	12		265		
Brush Creek	J. E. Spence, Cole's Store	8	100	50	9		408		20 00
Cameron	Chas. C. Jones, Cameron	8	53	50	12	200	100	33 35	81 16
Carthage	Chas. O. Mainor, Carthage	7	101	65	12	200	185	47 30	83 34
Cool Springs	D. H. Perry, R. F. D. 4, Sanford	7	112	60	12		113	17 00	9 25
Deep River		6	50		12				
Eagle Springs	J. A. Desern, Eagle Springs	5	31	18	12		33		
Emmaus	B. E. Moody, R. F. D. 2, Pittsboro	7	90	49	9		94		
Ephesus	T. J. Savage, R. F. D. 1, Sanford	4	22	8	10	30	28	3 37	1 43
Fall Creek	J. W. Brewer, Fall Creek	7	75	55	6				
Flat Springs	A. C. Bridges, Moncure	7	45	50	12		60	7 25	
Flint Hill	Duncan Garner, Hemp	4	51	25	12		43	4 00	
Gum Springs	C. D. Wilkie, Moncure	6	55	35	12		72	8 00	
Hickory Mountain	E. V. Straughan, R. F. D. 1, Siler City	7	75	50	12				
Jonesboro	W. W. Moore, Jonesboro	6	60	45	12	175	90	17 54	41 27
Love's Creek	H. A. Teague, R. F. D. 1, Siler City	6	75	50	6		60	5 00	
May's Chapel	W. M. Burns, Cumnock	6	30	20	12	53	40		
Mineral Springs	Dr. O. B. Strowd, Ore Hill	6	58	40	12		65	16 60	7 00
Mt. Olive	R. F. Andrews, Manndale	11	110	75	12		100	8 00	
New Salem	J. T. Ellington, R. F. D. 1, Bynum	6	37	20	9		89	2 10	
Pittsboro	J. L. Griffin, Pittsboro	6	50	27	12	60	75	19 75	23 06
Rives' Chapel	W. V. Cheek, Ore Hill	6	80	50	9		75	5 25	
Rock Springs	E. P. Ellington, Bynum	8	76	8	9		75	5 00	
Rocky River	W. C. Teague, Siler City	6	60	45	12		50	6 00	
Sandy Branch	B. B. Webster, Causey	7	95	49	12		94	7 50	
Sandy Creek	E. A. McMasters, Staley	6	74	40	9		60	5 25	
Sanford	C. H. Smith, Sanford	9	181	103	12		160		125 00
Siler City	D. L. Webster, Siler City	12	148	82	12	50	225	38 20	40 00
Staley	C. P. Fox, Staley	6	50	25	12		60	4 00	2 19
Southern Pines	S. B. Richardson, Southern Pines	8	50	31	12	200	120	27 49	15 00
Tyson's Creek	L. Moon, Harper's X Roads	5	60	40	12		75	5 00	11 58
Union Grove	Neill Dunlap, R. F. D. 1, Stead	7	75	41	6	50	85	5 00	
Total		233	2554	1482		1021	3243	$ 323 69	$ 498 67

Constitution of the Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

Article 1. This body shall be denominated and known as the Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

Art. 2. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom in the prosecution of the Sunday School work.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of brethren or sisters chosen by the Sunday Schools connected with it, each school being entitled to three delegates. Ministers who are members or pastors of churches connected with the schools of this body and superintendents of such Sunday Schools shall be considered members ex-officio.

Art. 4. The delegates from each school shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving a full account of the condition of the school (as required by the blanks) and a statement of all the funds contributed by the school during the past year.

Art. 5. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, and a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually and continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce order, appoint committees, decide questions of order, etc., and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the schools.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the schools or collected during the session of the body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association, and make an annual report of his work to the body.

Art. 9. Any Sunday School desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose.

Art. 10. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

Art. 11. The annual session shall be held on Friday and Saturday before the first fifth Sunday after the first day in March.

12. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached during each session an introductory sermon, also an annual sermon on Sunday.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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W. M. Bostick	Biscoe, N. C.
Walter Deaton	Carthage, N. C.
L. R. Dixon	Mt. Vernon Springs, N. C.
W. W. Edwards	
C. L. Dowell	Carthage, N. C.
J. R. Edwards	Sanford, N. C.
R. P. Ellington	
C. M. Emery	Southern Pines, N. C.
S. W. Fuquay	Eagle Springs, N. C.
G. W. Harmon	Ore Hill, N. C.
J. W. Hartsell	Cameron, N. C.
J. M. Henley	R. F. D. No. 3, Sanford, N. C.
W. T. Hurst	Wake Forest, N. C.
S. A. Ives	Pinebluff, N. C.
F. D. King	Jonesboro, N. C.
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W. H. H. Lawhon	R. F. D. No. 1, Carthage, N. C.
John Lewis	Southern Pines, N. C.
R. B. Lineberry	Pittsboro, N. C.
~~J. W. Little~~	Lemon Springs, N. C.
A. H. Manee	Southern Pines, N. C.
O. B. Mitchell	Wake Forest, N. C.
~~R. R. Moore~~ J. W. Phillips	Ore Hill, N. C.
D. R. Sears	Siler City, N. C.
O. S. [illegible]	

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

C. L. Dowell	Carthage, N. C.
T. L. Chisholm	Sanford, N. C.
D. L. Webster	Siler City, N. C.
R. B. Lineberry	Pittsboro, N. C.
J. R. Edwards	Sanford, N. C.

TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

W. H. H. Lawhon, *Chairman*, 1911.

L. R. Dixon	1911	I. H. Dunlap	1910
R. P. Johnson	1811	Dr. O. B. Stroud	1912
W. A. Headen	1910	T. J. Dark	1912
E. D. Nall	1910	M. J. Boling	1912

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SANDY CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Bear Creek, N. C., September 30, 1909.

The Sandy Creek Baptist Association met in its 151st annual session with the church at Tyson's Creek, Chatham county, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11 o'clock A. M. by J. R. Edwards, of Sanford, N. C., his subject being "The In-dwelling Christ." Text: Matt. 28:10 and John 14:18-20.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Religious Exercises conducted by L. R. Dixon. Moderator R. P. Johnson then read an annual message to the Association. The address of the Moderator was requested to be published in minutes and Recorder. Letters from churches read by F. D. King and D. E. Murchison and delegates enrolled as follows:

Aberdeen—J. W. Phillips.
Antioch—W. C. Dowd, Gettie Fields, J. W. Burke.
Bear Creek—T. B. Brooks, Luther Andrews, J. W. Phillips.
Bethany—S. P. Moore, Ralph Jordan, J. Rom Moore.
Bethlehem—John A. Fry, C. B. Fry, C. C. Moore.
Beulah—H. B. Lambeth, J. L. Purvis, R. W. Caviness.
Biscoe—W. C. Wright.
Brush Creek—A. G. Bray, E. M. Edwards, J. H. Bray.
Cameron—C. C. Yates, Wm. Rogers.
Carthage—C. O. Mainor, H. F. Seawell, Wm. Phillips.
Cool Spring—C. D. Groce.
Deep River—B. A. Spence, W. W. Caviness, R. C. Stokes
Eagle Springs—W. H. Fry.
Emmaus—C. N. Justice, Philip Straughan, U. T. Clark.
Ephesus—C. A. Craven, P. A. Fisher, T. E. Crutchfield.
Fall Creek—N. O. Cox, M. L. Nall.
Flat Springs—A. C. Bridges, L. C. Bridges.
Flint Hill—Not represented.
Fork Creek—Not represented.
Friendship—Not represented.
Gum Springs—W. M. Harmon.
Hickory Mountain—Bernice White, Hugh Peoples, W. J. Hackney.

Jonesboro—S. N. Liles, Albert Hamilton.
Love's Creek—G. W. Womble, N. A. Jones, R. D. Smith.
May's Chapel—N. H. Perry, W. Henry Burns, H. R. Harward.
Mechanic's Hill—J. T. Pool, T. P. Maness.
Mineral Springs—N. R. Dixon, G. P. Elmore, Turner Patterson.
Moon's Chapel—H. H. Jordan, Thos. Lane, Henry Reitzell.
Mt. Olive—W. M. Ellington, J. W. Clark, LeRoy Perry.
Mt. Pleasant—C. L. Kivett, Walter Kivett, Ira Poe.
New Salem—Letter—no delegate.
Pinebluff—Not represented.
Pine Grove—Robert Furr, D. D. Lassiter.
Pittsboro—R. P. Johnson, J. L. Griffin, Jake Eubanks.
Rives Chapel—W. V. Cheek, J. S. Dark, Newby Dark.
Rock Spring—P. T. Farrell, J. F. Bryant.
Rocky River—S. D. Brewer, W. E. Johnson, M. W. Duncan.
Sandy Branch—Gray B. Emerson, G. G. Emerson, T. G. Ivey.
Sandy Creek—W. D. Frazier.
Sanford—C. H. Smith, Joseph Rogers, T. L. Chisholm.
Siler City—R. H. Dixon, M. J. Boling, L. S. Straughan.
Staley—J. W. Staley.
Southern Pines—Letter—no delegate.
Tyson's Creek—B. B. Phillips, B D. Phillips, L. Moon.
Union Grove—W. L. Stutts, Neill Dunlap.

Ordained ministers present: W. H. H. Lawhon, L. R. Dixon, F. D. King, J. W. Little, G. W. Harmon, R. R. Moore, J. R. Edwards, W. M. Bostick, J. W. Hartsell, O. B. Mitchell, R. B. Lineberry, D. R. Sears.

Visitors present: L. P. Soots, of Piedmont Association.

On motion, the old officers of the Association were re-elected as follows: R. P. Johnson, Moderator; R. B. Lineberry, Clerk; T. L. Chisholm, Treasurer.

Program as prepared was adopted, all changes referred to Program Committee.

Moderator announced following committees:

Orphanage—O. B. Mitchell, W. E. Johnson, J. Rom Moore.
State Missions—C. L. Dowell, Jake Eubanks, H. B. Lambert.
Aged Ministers' Relief—William Rogers, C. D. Groce, P. T. Farrell.
Home Missions—F. D. King, C. O. Mainor, J. W. Hartsell.
Foreign Missions—L. R. Dixon, W. J. Hackney, N. H. Perry.
Prayer-meetings—R. F. Andrews, C. A. Craven, G. W. Harmon.
Periodicals—J. T. Paschal, C. C. Yates, D. L. Webster.
Sunday Schools—J. R. Edwards, N. A. Jones, D. R. Sears.
S. S. Libraries—T. L. Chisholm, W. M. Bostick, N. R. Dixon.
Temperance—W. H. H. Lawhon, S. P. Moore, John A. Fry.

Woman's Work—R. B. Lineberry, G. P. Elmore, C. H. Smith.

Program Committee—C. H. Smith, H. F. Seawell, D. L. Webster.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons Tyson's Creek Church.

Place and Preacher next Session—Delegates 2nd Section.

Education—J. L. Griffin, L. Moon, G. G. Emerson.

On motion, Clerk was requested to send to Rev. J. L. Smith, then critically ill, Christian greeting and consolation: II Cor. 4:17, 18.

Adjourned to 9:30 Friday morning. Benediction by W. H. H. Lawhon.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Religious exercises conducted by J. W. Little. Letters were read from Brush Creek, Sandy Creek, Staley. Rev. F. L. Fiddler recognized as visitor.

Report on Orphanage was read by O. B. Mitchell.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., was founded in 1885 with J. H. Mills as General Manager. The Orghanage at Thomasville is 24 years old, next year marks its "silver wedding." During this time something like 1,000 children have been sheltered within its walls. Last year the number at one time reached 400. The plant consists of 450 acres of land with about 150 of it in cultivation, ten dormitories, central school building, central dining room, sewing building, steam laundry, printing office, shoe shop, library building, infirmary, an open pavilion for use of annual meetings, two barns, homes for general manager and treasurer with some other smaller buildings. A complete water works and sewerage system marks the sanitary conditions well nigh perfect. The farm makes a profit of aboat $1,500 a year. *Charity and Children* turns in about $2,000. The shoe shop makes and mends all the shoes and more than clears expenses. The $100,000 from the Simmons estate brings in about $6,000 a year, but can be used only in support of the Simmons nursery and for building and improvements. The cost for caring for a child at the Orphanage is about $80 a year. To sum up: 450 acres; horses and mules, 7; cows, 20; buildings in all, about 25; employees—men, 7; women, 25, of these 10 are teachers; circulation of *Charity and Children*, about 12,000; number of children, 395. May the spirit of Christ get into the hearts of the Christian people of North Carolina and cause them to rally to the support of our Orphanage at Thomasville.

O. B. Mitchell,
J. R. Moore,
W. E. Johnson.

Pending the adoption of report, addresses were delivered by J. W. Little on "What I saw at Orphanage;" R. B. Lineberry on "How our Churches can Help the Orphanage;" C. C. Yates. On motion of J. R. Edwards amending the plan of raising money, the Moderator and Clerk were asked to apportion among the churches an amount which shall equal 25 cents per capita of the entire membership. Report adopted.

On motion, State Missions was discussed without the report, as chairman was not present, by H. H. Jordan on, Needs of State, L. Moon, J. W. Little, C. C. Yates, J. R. Edwards, B. A. Spence.

On motion of J. R. Edwards, the following committee was appointed, looking to evangelism in bounds of our Association : J. R. Edwards, W. H. H. Lawhon, L. R. Dixon. Pledges were taken for State Missions amounting to $481.00.

Report on Aged Ministers' Relief was read by Wm. Rogers.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

There are about 37 aged and wornout ministers who are receiving help from the Board. Only a small amount is given to each beneficiary, not enough to supply them with the actual necessities of life. This ought not so to be for they spent their lives in the service of their Master and laid well the foundation for the Lord's work in our State. If they had spent their time in providing for themselves and their families temporal blessings they could have made a comfortable living and had enough to support themselves and families without being under the necessity of depending on the freewill offering of their brethren. But from a deep sense of duty feeling, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel," they gave their lives to the service of their Master.

Through heat and cold they often went,
To call poor sinners to repent.

Now, inasmuch as they have thus spent their lives in His service and are unable to support themselves, it is the very plain duty of us to support them handsomely. We would urge upon our churches to increase their contributions to this very worthy object.

Wm. Rogers,
C. D. Groce,
P. T. Farrell.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by W. H. H. Lawhon on "Growing Old in Ministry ;" C. O. Mainor on "The Churches' Duty to Relieve Their Wants." Report adopted. Adjourned with prayer by W. H. H. Lawhon, remembering especially Bro. J. L. Smith.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Letters were read from Antioch, Moon's Chapel, Ciler City. Report of Committee on Home Missions was read by Rev. F. D. King.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The greatest task before Southern Baptists is a safe and sane solution of the problem before the Southern Home Mission Board. The prayer for God to open the doors to the nations of the earth for the entrance of the gospel has been heard and answered. The great cry of the sentinel from those open doors is for more means and men. Southern Baptists must take the lead in answering this cry, to say nothing of the work at home. Another task of momentous importance lying at the very door of this Board is the non-Christian element in the homeland. Of the 30,000,000 people in the territory covered by Southern Baptists, less than one-third belong to evangelical churches. And the gravity of the problem is being rapidly increased by the one and a quarter million people who are coming to our shores annually. This stream has turned Southward, and 100,000 foreigners, carrying with them ignorance and crime, are pouring into the great Southwest each month. It is the duty of Southern Baptists to take the lead in Christianizing this multitude. The Baptists of the South compose nearly one-half the evangelical church membership, hence upon us falls the leadership, and much is being accomplished as a result of our efforts. During the year 1908 the Board had in its employ 961 evangelists and missionaries, and as a result of their labors there were 40,417 additions to our churches. But the demand for work is greater than ever before. Four thousand missionaries could easily be given employment today. And the task should not be looked upon longer as a problem but as an opportunity. North Carolina seems slow to realize the strategic point we have reached. During the year 1907-'08 the contributions to Home Missions amounted to $18,498.19. During the year 1908 she contributed $19,058.81, making a gain of only $560.62. But the showing of the Sandy Creek Association, I am sorry to say, is far more embarrassing. During the year 1907, with a membership of 4,045, the Association raised for Home Missions the paltry sum of $452.18, and during last year with a membership of 4,142, the Association contributed $331.11, or less than eight cents per member. We feel like saying:

> "Lord of host be with us yet,
> Lest we forget—lest we forget."

Why this falling off? What is the cause of disloyalty to God? Upon whose shoulders does this fearful lethargy rest? Is it upon the body of members or is it because many of we pastors have failed to do our duty in working the "block system" and informing our members? We earnestly urge that the pastors and Sunday School Superintendents make a determined effort to more thoroughly inform our people of the great needs of the Southern Home Mission Board. It lies in the hands of the pastors of Sandy Creek Association to double our contributions to this cause next year. Let our motto be $500 for Home Missions.

F. D. King,
Chas. O. Mainor.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by O. W. McManess, F. D. King, J. R. Edwards, L. R. Dixon, C. C. Yates, R. P. Johnson, H. F. Seawell, J. W. Little. An amendment to plan of raising money offered by Bro. F. D. King authorized Moderator and Clerk to apportion among churches $500 for Home Missions was adopted. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. L. R. Dixon.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention made a most hopeful and encouraging report for last year. Twenty-one new missionaries were sent out. There are now on the field 231 missionaries and 375 native helpers, making a total of 606 workers. There are 259 churches and 559 out-stations with a total membership of 16,596, and 325 Sunday Schools with a total of 10,430 scholars. There were 2,905 converts baptized during the year. Of course the main thing is the preaching of the gospel, and all that is done is aimed directly toward reaching the people with the gospel of Christ. But there are some valuable aids to the work of preaching which experience has taught our missionaries to use. One of these aids is the educational work. We have 142 schools with 3,846 scholars. Four of these are women's training schools with 37 students, and eight theological schools with 178 students. All of these schools, even those in which elementary branches are taught, have in view the training of native workers.

We have thirteen medical missionaries, three hospitals with a total number of 42,659 patients last year. All of these patients, with attendant friends and relatives, heard the gospel before they received treatment. We have four printing plants which sent out during the year large numbers of religious tracts, periodicals, books and Bibles in the languages of the various countries. This literature is a powerful aid in the work of evangelization. The total receipts for the year were $460,997, a gain of $58,000 over the year before. The Convention fixed the estimate for this year at $537,500, and it is very important that the entire sum shall be raised. After the debt of $3,150 is paid, a comparatively small amount will be left for the enlargement of the work. North Carolina is asked to give $45,000 of this amount. We recommend that special effort be made to secure a contribution for Foreign Missions from every church in the Association and a larger contribution from at least some of the churches that have been contributing to that object, so that we may contribute our proportionate part of the $45,000 asked from North Carolina. We urge all our people to subscribe for the *Foreign Mission Journal*, and that an effort be made to put it into every Baptist home in this Association.

L. R. Dixon,
W. J. Hackney,
N. H. Perry.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by H. F. Seawell on "Laymen and Missions;" D. L. Webster on "Missions in Sunday Schools. An amendment was passed authorizing Moderator and Clerk to apportion among churches their part of $875 asked by State Board. Report adopted. Report on State Missions was read by C. L. Dowell.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission work is in the great power-plant of our missionary enterprises. To the State Mission Board we have entrusted the work of organizing and opening the mission fields and territory within the State, and upon the successful work of this Board all our other enterprises are very largely dependent. It touches all our other interests and affects the growth and development of our churches in missionary life and Christian liberality. No other object can properly or profitably take precedence over State Missions. A people who neglect mission work in the weak places at home, will dwarf themselves and their contributions cannot largely increase to other objects, and Foreign Missions will suffer as a result. The prosecution of our work depends upon the benevolence of our people. Through our State Mission Board we are aiding weak churches in both country and town till they can become self-supporting. These churches in turn grow stronger and contribute to the support of all our other enterprises and become feeders of even other objects of the denomination. We cannot urge too strongly the need of regular, systematic giving in our churches, Sunday Schools and mission societies, and especially to the State Mission work, which forms the basis of all our other enterprises.

Respectfully submitted,
C. L. Dowell.

On motion, the report on Prayer-meetings was deferred for the arrival of the brother appointed to write it. An address was made on Prayer-meetings by D. R. Sears.

Moderator announced the following committees:

To nominate delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: H. F. Seawell, J. F. Bryant, B. B. Phillips.

To nominate Trustees of Associational School: F. D. King, C. N. Justice, H. H. Jordan.

Auditing Committee: R. H. Dixon, C. B. Fry, Joseph Rogers.

Adjourned. Benediction by F. L. Fiddle.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Religious exercises conducted by J. R. Edwards. Visitors: G. E. Lineberry, Educational Secretary. C. L. Dowell reported as minister present. Letters read from Bear Creek, Deep River.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

To nominate Executive Committee: J. W. Phillips, Jr., T. G. Ivey, W. M. Harmon.

Committee on Program: Jas. L. Griffin, C. O. Mainor, E. D. Nall, Jr.

Bro. C. L. Dowell was appointed to write and read the address for next Association.

Report of Committee on Periodicals read by J. T. Paschal.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

People are not interested in that of which they are ignorant. This is true of religious matters as well as of secular affairs. In the days of the early Christians they obtained information from letters written by Paul and carried by the hand of a brother or servant; in the time of our forefathers they obtained information relating to the kingdom of Christ chiefly from the minister whom it was their privilege to hear occasionally, and they were often moved by his appeals to contribute to beneficent objects; but in this day of enlarged mail facilities, with the rural routes spreading over every section of the country, the religious newspaper is the principal means of disseminating information concerning the work of the churches and the efforts that are being put forth for the spread of the gospel. Our brethren and sisters can sit quietly in their homes and read not only what the churches are doing in our own State, but in every part of the world, and in this way be informed and led to do their duty. About every organization has its organ,, and the Baptist denomination in North Carolina is not wanting in this respect. We can boast of the *Biblical Recorder* being the equal of any religious periodical in the country. It gives no uncertain sound concerning the tenets of Baptists; its columns are filled each week with information which should be possessed by every Baptist in the State. If the *Recorder* was read by every member of our churches the appeals just before the conventions by the secretaries of the various boards for funds to meet our obligations would be a recollection of the past—the coffers of our treasuries would be full and overflowing—hence, by extending the circulation of the *Recorder* we not only benefit the subscriber but also help the cause of our blessed Master. *Charity and Children*, the organ of our Orphanage, is ably edited and deserves a place in our homes. In clubs of ten or more copies Sunday Schools may get the paper for 60 cents a copy, and we urge them to take advantage of this liberal offer. We also recommend that they use the literature published by our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn.

The Foreign Mission Journal and *Our Home Field* meet the demands in their respective fields and are worthy of support.

J. T. Paschal,
C. C. Yates.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by G. E. Lineberry, C. C. Yates, L. Moon, C. L. Dowell and J. W. Little. Report adopted.

On motion, the report on Sunday Schools and the report on Education had their places exchanged so that the report on education was taken at this hour. Report on Education read by J. L. Griffin.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is a source of much gratification that the cause of Education has advanced so rapidly for the past few years. Popular Education is now universally encouraged by a favorable public sentiment, and as a result of this Educational revival we have throughout the State a more efficient system of public schools and special tax districts and public high schools are multiplying rapidly. We have reached a crisis ; yes, more than this, we are standing on a summit of an Educational volcano and our preparatory schools will be swallowed up by the eruption unless we rally around them manfully. Our associational schools and preparatory institutions must be maintained at all cost or our cause will suffer great loss. Our denomination has awakened to a realization of the fact, that a lack of Education has been one of our greatest impediments, and we have wisely organized for progress, and our schools are to be congratulated that they have in Bro. G. E. Lineberry such an efficient representative. That the kingdom shall spread rapidly and the work of the church be quickly and thoroughly accomplished it is necessary that God's anointed be properly equipped in mind and heart. Every Baptist is proud of Wake Forest College and her distinguished sons, many of whom in almost every State in the Union are honoring the institution by a life of service to the State and church. There is among some of the most highly educated men of this country a feeling of self-sufficiency, a tendency to educate from God. And some of them have declared Christianity inadequate, and therefore not suited to the present needs of man. We believe this theory to be destructive heresy, and urge our people to avoid educational cranks and support and patronize those institutions that enlighten the conscience and train the heart as well the intellect, thereby holding to the faith of our fathers. Espousing the cause of Wake Forest is lending your help to Missions. Give to Meredith College and you shall receive tenfold in that hundreds of young consecrated women shall teach in the Sunday Schools of our churches.

J. L. Griffin.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by G. E. Lineberry. On motion, Moderator and Clerk were authorized to apportion $100 among churches. Report adopted.

On motion, subject of Temperance was taken up and W. H. H. Lawhon read the following report:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee is glad to report that intemperance in our bounds is on the decrease. The voters of North Carolina on the 26th day of May, 1908, by an overwhelming majority pronounced the doom of the liquor traffic, and proclaimed that no person shall have the right to engage in the nefarious business in our good old commonwealth. The edict has gone forth. Shall it be enforced or shall it not? We will see. Is the public sentiment which has proclaimed it sufficient to enforce it? We think it is. We believe it is the duty of every man and woman who love righteousness and believe in the sanctity of the law to exert their utmost effort to see that the will of the people as expressed at the polls be given full force and effect. We insist that every lover of his State is duty bound to contribute his individual share of effort to see that Prohibition accomplishes the purpose for which it was enacted, namely: the freeing of our State from the licensed and unlicensed sale of intoxicating liquors. We would urge the members of our churches in their capacity as citizens to aid the officers of the law in the enforcement of the Prohibition measure.

W. H. H. Lawhon,
John A. Fry,
S. P. Moore.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by W. H. H. Lawhon, C. O. Mainor. Report adopted.

Report on Sunday School Libraries was read by T. L. Chisholm:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

In our Sunday School work much has been said and much more can be said and done. In fact, all Christian people should be engaged in Sunday School work—teaching and being taught. We read in the Scriptures that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath day. We therefore should not fail to assemble ourselves together on the Sabbath day for the study of God's Word. Well selected books should be made for our Sunday School Libraries. It is just as necessary to have pure and good literature to feed our minds as it is to feed our bodies on pure and wholesome food. Ninety per cent. or more of our church growth comes through our Sunday School work. Therefore we should guard well our literature. We therefore urge the purchase of good books for our schools, however small, and add from time to time as circumstences will admit.

T. L. Chisholm.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by T. L. Chisholm. Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To Balance	$ 15.00
To Minute Fund	42.12
State Missions	61.64
Home Missions	47.43
Foreign Missions	89.31
Sunday School Missions	11.20
Education	22.03
Ministerial Relief	2.56
Orphanage	119.57
	$395.86
In hands Bro. Lineberry—Minutes	3.85
	399.66
Ephesus Church—All Objects	11.39
	$411.05

T. L. Chisholm, Treas.

Report adopted.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay unappropriated funds in his hands to Mt. Vernon Springs School. A collection of $4.95 was taken to pay for printing programs. Adjourned for dinner. Benediction by L. R. Dixon.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

On motion, C. L. Dowell was appointed to be our representative on State Mission Board.

Report on Woman's Work read by R. B. Lineberry.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Of the 45 churches in the Sandy Creek Association, 11 of them reported Woman's Missionary Societies last year. Two have been organized this year. Their membership has increased from something under 200 to 303 this year. These figures are approximately correct, only as we did not get reports from all the Societies. This is only about one-eighth the female membership of our Association. Of the $2,829.90 contributed last year by all the churches of the Sandy Creek Associotion foi benevolence, the Woman's Missionary Societies (composed then of only about one-twelfth the female members only) paid $459.09, being a little over 16 per cent. of the whole amount. In churches having Woman's Missionary Societies there were last year 1,460 members, contributing $2,002.44, being $1.37 per capita. In churches having no Woman's Missionary Societies there were 2,682 members contributing $827.46, a fraction over 30 cents per capita. An investigation in the history of contributions in nearly all, if not all, the churches having Woman's Missionary Societies will show that the contributions of the Woman's Missionary Societies have not been taken from the column of church contributions and put into the column of the Woman's Missionary Societies, but that the Woman's Missionary Society contributions have been added to the sum total of contributions, and their efforts have stimulated the male membership to greater activity. So in these churches you will find (outside what is reported by Women's Missionary Societies) a larger increase in contributions than is found in other churches. There are causes of these results:

First, they follow a definite plan of systematic study. They acquaint themselves with the needs for the gospel and study prayerfully the obligation of Jesus' love to each individual to teach all nations as He commanded us to do. They thus put themselves in touch on the one side with Jesus' love and on the other with needs of a perishing world of sinners. Second. In possession of this information they pray for the opportunity to do something and follow their prayers with systematic giving. Third. In banding themselves together to study Jesus' love, the destitution in heathen lands and the great commission they are in closer touch with each other and develop a stronger bond of fellowship. In this they give themselves the advantage of exemplifying their love to God in their mutual and more devoted love for one another.

As Jesus could not be hid, so His love in the hearts of His followers cannot be hid and the love of Jesus in the lives of the members of the Woman's Missionary Societies is spreading into the hearts of others with whom they come in contact. The prime reason that there are not more members of the Woman's Missionary Societies is not because the women are so much opposed to God's service or are so neglectful of it, but because the men object. We are glad, however, that as facts so overwhelmingly indicate the wisdom of such Societies, most men who do object are no longer making it publicly known.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. Lineberry,
G. P. Elmore,
C. H. Smith.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by J. R. Edwards, C. L. Dowell, J. W. Little, R. B. Lineberry. An amendment was adopted, asking the women to hold a meeting at our annual session. Report adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by J. R. Edwards.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We call special attention to the Sunday School work of our Association. It is most important. The possibilities of it are thrilling. In the Sunday School any and all can study the Bible systematically; gain power and knowledge to live the Christian life; train himself to serve his Master; find opportunity for variety of service, and lead his associates to accept Jesus. No other form of religious effort—singing, preaching or evangelistic—can take the place of the Sunday School. However, more than 2,000 of our church members are not in Sunday School at all. Too little is known of the Bible, because it is praised by so many and studied by so few. Church work suffers because so many are without religious knowledge easily obtained. Children and young people are deprived of religious ideals and principles that form the foundation of sturdy character. The cause of Christ needs most of all trained advocates. The remedy for all these ills is a live Sunday School in every church. The essential for an effective Sunday School are trained pastoral leadership; an enthusiastic studious force of officers and teachers; courses of study that give to the student knowledge of the Bible and appreciation of Christian character; organization of greatest possible variety; and modern equipment and conveniences for successfull work. To have all such essentials is not impossible for our churches.

We hail with gladness the evidences of Sunday School progress in our border. Some Cradle Rolls and Home Departments are in successful operation. Some adult classes have been organized. Twelve schools show an increased enrollment this year.

We, therefore, suggest that pastors become more active in Sunday School work; that each school make continuous effort to hold together and train a force of teachers and officers; that each have an efficient organization including Cradle Roll and Home Department; that for the year before us we make this our rallying cry: 8,000 pupils in the Sunday Schools of the Sandy Creek Association. Again we suggest that each school take more interest in the Sunday School Association and Institute, and send strong delegations to them; that no school forget to give of money to help in our State. We are sure that such a goal is not impossible. 4,000 who are living in these times can reach it, if the one man about whom we are studying, could single-handed in the severest opposition, carry the gospel into every known land—8,000 in our Sunday Schools this year.

J. R. Edwards,
D. R. Sears,
N. A. Jones.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by J. R. Edwards and R. B. Lineberry. Report adopted.

COMMITTEE ON PLACE AND PREACHER.

We, your committee, on place and preacher, for the next session of the Association, recommend Emmaus as the place, and R. B. Lineberry to preach the introductory sermon.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. Hackney,
For Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Auditing Committee, beg to report that we have examined the books of our Treasurer, and find his report correct.

R. H. Dixon,
C. B. Fry,
Committee.

This Oct. 2, 1909.
Report adopted.

DELEGATE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Your committee recommend Dr. J. R. Edwards as delegate to Southern Baptist Convention and Rev. C. L. Dowell, alternate.

H. F. Seawell,
J. F. Bryant,
B. B. Phillips,
Committee.

Report adopted.

TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

We, your committee, to nominate trustees for the Associational School at Mt. Vernon Springs suggest M. J. Boling, Thos. J. Dark and Dr. O. B. Stroud.

C. N. JUSTICE,
H. H. JORDAN,
Committee.

Report adopted.

W. H. H. Lawhon made a verbal report for trustees of Associational School, stating that there is no school just now but expect one soon. On motion, the clerk is allowed to put advertisements on cover of minutes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee to Nominate Executive Board, beg to report as follows: C. L. Dowell, T. L. Chisholm, R. B. Lineberry, D. L. Webster and J. R. Edwards.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. PHILLIPS, JR.
T. G. IVEY,
W. M. HARMON,
Committee.

Report adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are due and hereby tendered the community for their generous and cordial hospitality, and the organist and choir for their excellent music.

R. H. DIXON.

Adopted.

Association adjourned with benediction by W. H. H. Lawhon.

Sermons were preached at the stand on Friday by F. L. Fiddler and L. Soots, on Saturday by J. W. Little and L. R. Dixon. Saturday night W. H. H. Lawhon preached in the church. Sunday morning R. H. Dixon spoke on Sunday School Institute and M. J. Boling on Organized Classes. At 11:00 o'clock Sunday J. R. Edwards preached in the house and R. B. Lineberry at stand.

SECTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

FIRST SECTION.

Brush Creek
Mechanics' Hill
Mount Pleasant
Union Grove
Moon's Chapel
Sandy Creek
Tyson's Creek
Beulah
Staley
Fork Creek
Deep River
Fall Creek
Pine Grove

SECOND SECTION.

Emmaus
New Salem
Siler City
Mount Olive
Rocky River
Rock Spring,
Love's Creek
Hickory Mountain
Pittsboro

THIRD SECTION.

Bear Creek
May's Chapel
Flat Springs
Gum Springs
Sandy Branch
Rives' Chapel
Mineral Springs
Bethany
Antioch

FOURTH SECTION.

Aberdeen
Jonesboro
Carthage
Eagle Springs
Cool Springs
Cameron
Flint Hill
Biscoe
Friendship
Ephesus
Sanford
Bethlehem
Southern Pines
Pinebluff

CHURCHES	Time of Preaching	PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Reported Last Year
Aberdeen	1st.	E. D. Poe, Wake Forest	W. E. Poe, Aberdeen						1	15	31	46	47
Antioch	4th.	G. W. Harmon, Ore Hill	J. W. Burke, Goldston	2	1			1	1	11	19	30	30
Bear Creek	2nd	J. L. Smith, Siler City.	B. B. Stinson, Goldston.	8	3	2	4	2	3	72	118	190	186
Bethany	2nd	J. R. Edwards, Sanford	D. E. Murchison, Gulf	5	2	1	4		2	35	58	93	90
Bethlehem	3rd.	No Pastor	John A. Fry, rfd 1, Carthage				5		1	87	165	252	256
Beulah	1st.	W. H. H. Lawhon, rfd, Carthage	H. C. Lambert, Noise	13						60	61	121	108
Biscoe	1st.	W. M. Bostick, Biscoe	W. C. Wright, Biscoe		4					10	14	24	20
Brush Creek	3rd.	F. D. King, Jonesboro	J. B. Gilbert, Siler City	11		1	4		2	101	98	199	193
Cameron	2th & 4th	C. L. Dowell, Carthage	C. C. Yates, Cameron	4			3		2	46	55	101	88
Carthage	1st & 3rd	C. L. Dowell, Carthage	W. G. Jennings, Carthage	2	7		4		1	48	64	112	108
Cool Springs	2nd	W. H. H. Lawhon, Carthage	J. H. Henley, rfd 1, Sanford	5			9		2	43	55	98	105
Deep River	3rd.	L. P. Soots, Hartshorn	R. C. Stokes, Coleridge.	4	4		2	2		11	21	32	30
Eagle Springs													
Emmaus.	4th.	L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon Springs.	G. M Clark, rfd 2, Pittsboro	3			2	3	2	59	75	134	138
Ephesus	4th.	F. D. King, Jonesboro	T. J. Savage, rfd 1, Sanford	7	1	2	1	1	1	17	29	46	33
Fall Creek	3rd.	J. L. Smith, Siler City	J. W. Brewer, Fall Creek	46	1	1	9		5	147	159	306	274
Fork Creek													
Flat Springs	3rd.	J. W. Little, Lemon Springs	L. C. Bridges, Moncure.				1			12	12	24	25
Flint Hill													
Friendship													
Gum Springs	4th.	R. B. Lineberry, Pittsboro	C. D. Wilkie, Moncure	2		1	1	3	3	58	99	157	161
Hickory Mountain	3rd.	L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon Springs.	N. B. Justice, Kimbolton	6	1	1				57	51	108	100
Jonesboro.	4th.	F. D. King, Jonesboro	J. F. King, Jonesboro	14	26		2			72	104	176	138
Love's Creek	1st.	No Pastor	J. L. Gilliland, rfd 1, Siler City.	2	2	1	7	1	3	70	121	191	193
May's Chapel,	1st.	L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon Springs.	N. H. Perry, Cumnock				2	1	2	45	49	94	99
Mechanics' Hill			J. R. Maness, Maness	2						26	43	69	65
Mineral Springs.	3rd.	O. B. Mitchell, Mt. Vernon Spgs.	N. R. Dixon, rfd 3, Siler City.		3	1	4		4	28	46	74	79
Moon's Chapel	2nd	J. W. Little, Lemon Springs	E. L. Vestal, Jordan	8					1	21	40	61	56
Mt. Olive	1st.	R. B. Lineberry, Pittsboro	S. M. Lewis, rfd 1, Saxapahaw	7	2	1	4		3	66	100	166	163
Mt. Pleasant	1st.	G. W. Harmon, Ore Hill	G. R. Williams, Staley	2	2			1		11	35	46	46
New Salem	3rd.	R. B. Lineberry, Pittsboro	E. L. Perry, Bynum	2	2					22	36	58	54
Pinebluff													
Pine Grove	3rd.	W. H. Strickland, Greensboro	B. Deaton, rfd 2, Spies	1			4		2	15	24	39	44
Pittsboro	3rd.	R. B. Lineberry, Pittsboro	J. W. Moore, Pittsboro		2		1		1	23	36	59	59
Rives' Chapel	2nd	L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon Springs.	C. W. Oliver, Millwood.	6			4	2	2	50	71	121	125
Rock Springs	2nd	O. B. Mitchell, Mt. Vernon Spgs.	P. T. Farrell, Pittsboro		2		3			26	31	57	58
Rocky River	3rd.	L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon Springs.	J. W. Teague, Siler City	11		1	2	2		42	68	110	106
Sandy Branch.	2nd	L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon Springs.	T. G. Ivey, rfd 3, Siler City	20	2		1	1	1	93	96	189	162
Sandy Creek		G. W. Harmon, Ore Hill	E. A. McMasters, rfd 1, Staley	2			1	1	2	18	28	46	62
Sanford	1st, 3d, 4th	J. R. Edwards, Sanford.	T. L. Chisholm, Sanford	10	15	4	14		2	55	110	165	162
Siler City	2nd	No Pastor	C. N. Bray, Siler City.		7		3			46	71	117	120
Staley	4th.	J. L. Smith, Siler City	C. P. Fox, Staley				6			5	4	9	15
Southern Pines	1, 2, 3 & 4	John Lewis, Southern Pines	S. R. Richardson, Southern Pines		6		7	6		9	13	22	
Tyson's Creek	2nd	F. D. King, Jonesboro	L. Moon, Harpers X Roads	17	4		2	1	1	38	48	86	73
Union Grove	1st.	J. L. Smith, Siler City	G. F. Garner, Seagrove.	14			2			48	112	160	148
Total				236	97	17	118	28	50	1719	2470	4208	4141

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Improvem'ts	Incidentals	Sunday Sch'l Expenses	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday Sch'l Missions	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Old Minister's Relief	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Grand Total
Aberdeen	$ 175 00	$ 100 75	$ 20 00	$ 31 70	$ 28 12	$ 16 11	$ 17 07	....	$ 44 25	....	$ 21 00	$ 5 40	$ 1 00	$ 72 80	$ 533 20
Antioch	50 00	25 00	5 00	6 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	....	2 00	....	....	1 95	60	....	94 55
Bear Creek	75 00	....	10 20	6 50	6 00	4 00	....	$ 1 00	20 25	....	2 50	....	90	....	126 35
Bethany	200 00	....	....	31 90	16 03	15 65	31 69	1 00	18 77	....	3 62	3 73	2 10	4 00	328 49
Bethlehem	125 00	....	25 00	5 55	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	10 00	....	2 13	4 25	1 30	3 00	192 23
Beulah	50 00	5 00	....	8 00	....	....	2 50	....	....	....	....	....	1 60	15 00	82 10
Biscoe	....	500 00	....	....	1 00	1 20	1 00	....	7 65	....	....	....	1 00	....	511 85
Brush Creek	150 00	....	....	19 28	12 00	13 75	13 40	....	28 12	....	2 10	....	1 40	....	240 14
Cameron	400 00	....	....	42 50	49 49	48 41	41 51	3 00	100 84	$ 55 00	6 75	8 99	1 00	....	757 49
Carthage	400 00	70 00	20 00	38 97	40 00	30 10	45 00	10 00	68 19	....	16 00	5 00	1 50	37 98	782 74
Cool Springs	100 00	....	10 35	22 45	10 00	5 00	5 00	....	15 00	....	1 00	2 00	1 20	....	172 00
Deep River	50 00	245 00	....	10 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	....	1 50	....	....	....	50	....	310 00
Eagle Springs	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50	....	50
Emmaus	100 00	....	....	6 02	4 40	3 05	10 20	....	15 69	....	....	2 30	2 32	....	143 98
Ephesus	75 00	....	....	3 57	3 00	4 00	5 00	1 00	5 00	....	2 00	1 14	1 70	3 25	104 66
Fall Creek	....	....	26 20	....	7 50	7 50	8 00	3 00	12 00	....	1 50	1 11	2 28	....	69 49
Flat Springs	....	....	....	7 20	5 54	....	2 22	....	15 94	....	....	....	50	....	31 40
Flint Hill	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Friendship	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Gum Springs	150 00	33 50	2 10	8 00	10 02	5 50	10 50	1 35	14 38	....	4 50	3 25	1 35	95 50	339 95
Hickory Mountain	100 00	....	29 15	8 00	5 10	4 00	5 16	....	25 00	....	....	1 20	1 60	....	179 21
Jonesboro	400 00	....	50 00	61 26	40 00	47 07	77 50	3 55	52 81	....	8 00	2 46	3 00	2 85	718 50
Love's Creek	212 50	....	....	4 46	15 90	10 00	25 00	1 00	25 00	....	5 00	3 20	1 18	30 00	333 24
May's Chapel	100 00	....	....	4 00	9 00	8 00	12 00	....	25 00	....	1 00	....	1 25	....	160 25
Mechanics' Hill	....	....	10 00	....	1 20	....	3 00	....	2 00	....	....	....	50	....	16 70
Mineral Springs	100 00	....	7 00	7 00	11 00	8 00	15 00	2 00	19 53	....	3 00	....	50	13 73	186 76
Moon's Chapel	75 00	....	10 00	2 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	10 00	....	2 00	....	75	....	112 75
Mount Olive	150 00	....	100 00	8 00	18 05	8 00	14 70	3 00	18 00	....	6 00	2 00	1 25	11 00	340 00
Mount Pleasant	50 00	3 30	....	3 75	....	....	2 50	....	1 25	....	....	50	77	....	62 07
New Salem	50 00	44 21	....	2 10	3 83	3 29	3 75	1 00	4 25	....	2 00	1 75	1 05	4 57	121 80
Pinebluff	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Pine Grove	50 00	....	....	....	1 00	....	....	....	4 00	....	....	....	60	....	55 60
Pittsboro	200 00	45 00	24 40	21 21	47 8	79 30	52 92	2 00	42 39	30 00	8 60	5 00	1 50	69 50	629 64
Rives' Chapel	100 00	....	....	6 50	5 50	3 86	6 00	1 00	10 00	....	80	2 15	1 81	11 55	149 17
Rock Springs	75 00	....	....	6 38	5 20	6 00	8 80	1 00	8 37	....	2 00	....	1 00	....	113 75
Rocky River	100 00	....	....	....	8 00	5 00	10 00	1 00	23 14	....	2 00	2 95	1 35	....	153 44
Sandy Branch	165 00	....	34 00	8 00	10 00	6 00	18 00	1 00	15 16	....	3 00	3 09	1 65	....	264 90
Sandy Creek	50 00	125 00	....	5 09	....	1 00	1 25	....	3 00	....	....	1 09	80	25 60	212 83
Sanford	752 82	85 57	110 09	48 74	53 75	41 48	66 10	....	47 52	....	....	....	2 00	....	1208 07
Siler City	412 50	....	58 73	40 00	29 35	24 00	65 41	....	30 00	....	....	....	2 00	15 00	676 99
Staley	....	....	....	5 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	1 00	6 71	63	1 34	2 31	50	....	22 99
Southern Pines	423 42	158 32	61 80	56 68	25 00	5 00	5 00	5 50	20 99	9 40	....	....	1 00	....	772 11
Tyson's Creek	125 00	25 00	6 00	8 00	18 38	10 86	13 71	6 20	22 38	....	2 00	1 51	70	....	239 24
Union Grove	60 00	74 80	12 75	5 00	3 00	1 00	3 00	....	6 00	....	1 00	....	1 20	....	167 75
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PLEDGES AND APPORTIONMENTS FOR YEAR 1908-1909.

CHURCHES	Orphanage	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education
Aberdeen	$ 50 00	$ 15 00	$ 20 00	$ 20 00	$ 5 00
Antioch	2 00	1 50	1 00	1 50	1 00
Bear Creek	21 00	6 00	5 00	7 50	2 50
Bethany	20 00	9 00	17 50	35 00	3 50
Bethlehem	11 00	5 00	6 00	6 00	2 00
Beulah	5 00	4 00	1 00	3 00	1 00
Biscoe	8 00	....	1 50	1 50	1 00
Brush Creek	27 50	12 00	15 00	15 00	2 00
Cameron	100 00	40 00	50 00	50 00	5 00
Carthage	75 00	40 00	35 00	55 00	5 00
Cool Springs	17 00	10 00	6 00	6 00	1 00
Deep River	1 50	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00
Eagle Springs	2 00	....	1 50	5 00	1 00
Emmaus	16 00	5 00	3 00	10 00	1 00
Ephesus	6 00	3 00	5 00	6 00	2 00
Fall Creek	13 00	....	9 00	10 00	1 50
Flat Springs	16 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	1 00
Flint Hill	1 50	.. ..	1 00	1 00	1 00
Friendship	1 50	....	2 00	1 00	1 00
Gum Springs	15 00	10 00	7 00	12 00	4 50
Hickory Mountain	25 00	6 00	5 00	6 00	2 50
Jonesboro	60 00	40 00	60 00	80 00	5·00
Love's Creek	27 50	15 00	12 50	30 00	3 00
May's Chapel	25 00	9 00	10 00	12 50	1 00
Mechanics' Hill	2 00	....	1 00	3 00	1 00
Mineral Springs	21 00	9 00	10 00	20 00	3 00
Moon's Chapel	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00
Mount Olive	20 00	15 00	10 00	16 00	6 00
Mount Pleasant	1 50	2 00	1 00	3 00	1 00
New Salem	5 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	2 00
Pinebluff	1 50	......	2 00	1 00	1 00
Pine Grove	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Pittsboro	47 50	35 00	45 00	60 00	7 00
Rives' Chapel	10 00	6 00	4 00	6 00	1 00
Rock Springs	8 50	1 00	7 00	9 00	2 00
Rocky River	23 50	8 00	6 00	12 50	2 00
Sandy Branch	17 50	10 00	8 00	20 00	3 00
Sandy Creek	3 00	2 00	1 00	1 50	1 00
Sanford	60 00	100 00	60 00	100 00	5 00
Siler City	35 00	35 00	35 00	75 00	3 00
Staley	7 00	....	2 00	2 00	1 00
Southern Pines	21 50	....	6 00	6 00	2 00
Tyson's Creek	23 50	12 00	12 50	17 50	2 00
Union Grove	7 00	3 00	2 00	4 00	1 00
Total	$ 875 50	$ 481 00	$ 500 50	$ 745 00	$ 100 50

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The Characteristics and Mission of the Sandy Creek Association—A Message.

Perhaps no dictionary nor encyclopedia has yet correctly defined a Baptist Association. Other religious assemblies meet under various names, but in which does the spirit of freedom and thought and action equal that in an Association? And yet where do you find greater harmony prevailing, more unity of purpose exercised, and a freer spirit of co-operation in working to build up the Master's Kingdom in the world than in a Baptist association?

It is a very important meeting, and comes very close to the churches. To consider its characteristics it is necessary to consider the characteristics of the churches composing it.

This Association is composed of 45 churches whose purpose it should be to execute the laws which Christ has given. The churches are the executive department of the Kingdom of God in the world. Each church is a perfect democracy and a complete republic in one. A Baptist church is a local and independent assembly; it is an organization separate and apart from all others, and is a full and complete church in its organization, government, officers and discipline; it is independent of all other churches and ecclesiastical bodies, whatever.

There is no court or appeal from the decision of a local church to a higher tribunal. Hence, it follows that this Association is independent of any and all other associations or conventions, but is ever ready to join hands with other associations in the work of promulgating the gospel, and is always willing and glad to do its part in the State Convention in helping to evangelize the world.

The New Testament speaks of the churches in terms like these: "The church at Jerusalem;" "The church at Antioch;" "Salute the church in Nympha's house." These quotations and many others like them which could be quoted, prove that the New Testament church was a local assembly. No church in scripture is ever called a part or branch of the church at Macedonia, or anywhere else.

At one time in her history, however, this Association fell into a mistake as to her power and jurisdiction over the churches. "She carried matters so far as to leave hardly any power in the individual churches." All the while it was admitted that complete power was in each church, but it was argued that this power could be transferred. This error was soon corrected by reference to the teaching of the New Testament.

Now the present constitution of this Association fully explains the relation of the Association to the churches composing it, in Article 4 which reads as follows: "All members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church belonging to this Union, but shall sit as an advisory council."

Christ has placed in each church all the power he has given: and the church cannot transfer it to any body.

As Baptists are strict constructionists, take the Bible for what it says, and demand a "Thus saith the Lord" for their theory and practice in all divine things, you say, "Where is their authority for associations? In Proverbs 24:6 we have, "In the multitude of counsellors there is safety," which we think is authority for advisory councils like Associations.

The Jewish annual meetings, endorsed by Christ by his attendance at them, suggest the idea of our annual meetings. And what was that council at Jerusalem, described in Acts 15th chapter, but a Baptist Association, composed of representatives of the two great churches, one at Jerusalem, and other, the mother-church of Gentile Christianity at Antioch? Perhaps, most of the leaders in that council had been disciples of John the Baptist: hence they were Baptists. But what was done at this council? Some careless reader has said that an appeal was taken up to the church at Jerusalem from the decision of the Antioch church. This was not the case, because no decision had been made by the church at Antioch: the contention was not in the church, but between "Paul and Barnabas" and "certain men which came down from Judea." The delegates or representatives carried the question up to Jerusalem for information and advice. "They did not legislate: they made no laws, but the apostles, elders and brethren" discussed the matter and by a majority vote, a letter was ordered to be written—a letter of advice—and it was done and sent back to Antioch. A doctrinal question was decided, whether or not a man must become a Jew in order to become a Christian. This letter gave consolation to many, and was a very important decision for the Gentile converts especially. So far as the record goes, this was all the business transacted at this meeting. Great harmony and brotherly love prevailed in this meeting. So may it be in this Association.

Then some of the characteristics of an Association are:

(1) It is only an advisory council.

(2) It has scripture authority for its organization.

(3) It is independent of all other organizations.

(4) All of its members have the right to vote on all questions coming before the body.

(5) All questions are decided by a majority or by a two-thirds majority of its own members.

(6) It sends no one anywhere against his own will.

(7) It calls for volunteer service and free-will offerings.

(8) In its every exercise, it discourages ritualism and formality.

(9) It has no confession of faith and no book of discipline other than the New Testament, and "is not shackled by human creed."

(10) It is an effort to obey the command, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

(11) It recognizes no titled dignitaries nor rulers in its membership, but all as brethren in Christ.

(12) It has no bond of union among its members except the constition, rules and regulations made by its own members, and the bond of brotherly love in Christ Jesus.

(13) It assumes no responsibility nor control in regard to the relation of pastor and church.

(14) It works in perfect harmony with the State Convention.

(15) It stands for the right and for God in all lines.

Why have these delegates left their homes and various vocations, and traveled 10, 20 or even 30 miles to attend this meeting? and what is the purpose of this Association? *It is to transact business for the Lord.*

This work must be of a two-fold nature, devotional and executive. The object of any Christian life should be to glorify God. This must be done in two general ways: In bringing sinners to Christ, and in building up Christian character in self or in others, or in both. What is true of the individual Christian is true of the individual church, and what is true of the individual church is true of the representatives of these individual churches—the Association. We are here to get *power* to work for God when we return to our homes. This is a kind of Coaling Station on our great sea of life. We are here to get *wisdom* to work wisely for our Savior in winning souls to His kingdom, and in expanding Christian character.

I remark in the first place that successful service to God can be rendered only by looking to Him for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The devotional exercises of this Union are to the collective body in its work what the morning prayers of the single servant of God are to him in the discharge of his daily duties. For one to go forth to the fearful responsibilities of life in the morning without asking God's guidance and protection is a perilous thing to do; it is like embarking the ocean without helm, rudder or compass.

Many days of prayer preceded the day of pentecost, and so must we put ourselves in readiness for God's blessings, if we would have him bless us. Again, the interchanging of plans, thoughts and experiences has always been a large part of the work of this Association. Peter, Barnabas and Paul profited by their experiences, for by this means they solved the difficulty before them. And we are told in Malachi 3:16 that "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name." This was a method used by the brethren in the early history of the Association in developing the church membership in all the Christian graces and gifts in order to obey the marching orders of their Savior: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." They all the while realizing that the essential qualifications necessary for soul winning must be a regenerate heart, a love for souls and a confidence in mankind.

Elder G. W. Purefoy in his History of the Sandy Creek Association says in regard to the first few sessions held: "By means of these meeting the gospel was carried into new places. * * * * * * At their Associations their chief employment was preaching, exhortation, singing and conversation about the various exertions in the Redeemer's service, the success which had often attended them and the new and prosperous scenes which were opening before them. These things so inflamed the hearts of the ministers that they would leave the Association with a zeal courage which no common obstacle could impede." The same author quotes from Elder James Reed who was present and a member of the first meeting of this body: "At our first Association we continued together three or four days. * * * * The great power of God was among us, the preaching every day seemed to be attended with God's blessings. We carried on our Association with sweet decorum and fellowship to the end."

If these quotations do not show us the object, they show us the effect of these annual meeting at first. And some of us have known of gracious revivals immediately following, where these annual meetings were held.

It seems to me at this meeting the Association is entering upon a new era in its history and work.

The published program is a new departure, and an advance step, I hope, in the right direction. And we are due the committee thanks for their careful arrangement of our program. There are other changes that will, probably, be made at this time which will tend to get us out of the old ruts and former routine plans. Along this line allow some questions to be asked and some suggestions to be made.

On the temperance report, a chairman has been selected who will deal with the subject carefully and prudently. On this topic we need no long speeches. It is time for *action*. Every good citizen should be thankful to God for the success that is attending the prohibition cause, and should feel it his imperative duty to do what he can to see that the law is properly executed.

Hitherto the report on Sunday Schools has been somewhat "side-tracked," and considered one of the minor reports, but this year it has been rightly given a prominent place on the program, and one of the best Sunday School workers in the Association has been appointed chairman of this report, in order to magnify the work.

We have a Sunday School Association which meets once a year, and this year there has been organized a Teachers's Institute in this Association. These are encouraging features, but great need of development is shown by reference to the minutes of last year. The total membership of the Association last year was 4,142 ; the total enrollment, in all the Sunday Schools, was only 2,554. Now if the number of people who attended the Sunday Schools of other denominations balances the number of those from other denominations to ours, and if the number of non-church members who are of the Baptist "persuasion," and of the children of school age of Baptist families who are not church members, equals the total membership in the Association, then there were last year in the Sandy Creek Association over 5,700 Baptist people who did not enter the door of a Sunday School anywhere !

If these calculations are true, is there not a great work of development needed, and a paramount mission to be performed in this Association in this great cause next in importance to the preaching of the gospel?

State, Home and Foreign Missions, the Orphanage, Education and Aged Ministers' Relief are the objects to which this Association contributes annually. That the State Convention may have some basis on which to estimate the amount that we should try to raise for these objects of the Convention in the State, pledges have been taken at most of the Associations ; but last year the pledges were about $20,000, while the amount raised for State Missions was $37,000. For this reason the pledge system seemed to the Convention to be unreliable. So it instructed the State Mission Board to appoint a committee from its own members to suggest to the several Associations the amounts they should undertake to raise for these objects of the Convention. This Committee on Finance then urges that the Associations divide out, by committee or otherwise, the amounts suggested, among the several churches. (At this point was read the letter of Committee on Finance, as Bro. Livingston Johnson had, several days ago, requested to be read).

It is entirely with you, brethren, which of these plans you will use. If pledges are taken, will not the three delegates from many churches who here pledge do most of the paying off those pledges? Or if the suggestion of the Finance Committee is adopted, will not a few of the liberal members, in most cases, do most of the paying? To use a figure from farm life, if it is considered a burden, as a tax to raise these amounts, shall the free-pulling horse be whipped up to pull most of the load while the lazy horse lags behind? Or if it be regarded as a privilege to contribute to these objects, ought the fat sleek horse to be given most of the food while the poor horse is fed on a scanty supply? Ought not the rank and file of our church membership be developed in the grace of giving? Ought they not to be taught that "it is more blessed to give than to receive?" That God loves a cheerful giver? That giving is a privilege—is a part of divine worship? Is there not foundation mission work to be done here? And should not this subject claim the special attention of this Association?

The report on Education should be divided into three parts (1) Ministerial Education; (2) our denominational schools and colleges; (3) the Elementary Public Schools. If our denominational colleges are to live they must be fed mostly by our denominational preparatory schools. Perhaps some one may ask what has this Association to do with the public schools? Will not the State take care of them? Yes, but will or can it take care of the moral life of your child without your help? Who pays the tax to run these schools? Largely Christian people. Then has not every Christian parent a right to demand that his or her children shall be taught by Christian teachers and Christian teachers *only*.

In regard to Periodicals, it may be said, "As people read, so are they." Our young people are going to read something, and what shall it be? They are going to read some kind of newspapers, and what shall they be? A taste for good reading may be acquired by them if wholesome literature is put within their reach. Shall we not do it? The Orphanage is near and dear to us all, but there is this problem before us: Shall we limit the number of children to 400 who can enter this institution and leave the remainder to be cared for elsewhere, or let them be thrown upon the "cold charities" of the world? No, we can not do that, and please God. The number of orphans seeking admittance is increasing; our contributions must increase also.

Along this line allow me to ask some questions and make some suggestions. It was customary until recent years to send corresponding messengers to sister Associations and to receive such messengers from other Associations. Was this custom discontinued because of the increased circulation of our church papers, as the *Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children* and other religious papers, reports being given in these? Might we not benefit and be benefited by a renewing of this custom?

Again some one has said that the Association has become such a large body that it is difficult for some of our churches to entertain the representatives, and that the distance to travel, in some cases, is very far. Should not the Association be divided or the representation reduced? If this matter should come up for discussion, let us consider that other denominations have been exceedingly liberal in helping entertain the delegates; as, for instance, at Carthage last year, where the other denominations vied with each other in entertaining them. We should consider whether either of these would not decrease the interest in our work. We would not wish to get in the plight of an Association recently held in a North Carolina city. When it convened the people did not know of it and some of the pastors were gone from the city. There was not to be seen even one woman on Thursday or Friday afternoon, and only about ten on Thursday night. You would not have cared to be there on Thursday or Friday afternoon, would you? We surely do not intend to let the Sandy Creek Association come to that "pass."

Let us not do anything to decrease the interest in the work. Much has recently been said about saving time in the Association. It seems that little need be said here on that point, for our program has done much along that line. It seems that the report on Sunday School Libraries might come under the report on Sunday Schools and be included in it. The report on Prayer-meeting might appropriately come in the time of devotional exercises. These recommendations, however, need not affect the printed matter.

Allow me here to say that it is the volunteered duty of every delegate to be here at the opening of every session of the Association, and to remain until all the business is transacted or until it adjourns, unless Providentially hindered from so doing.

It is hoped that the delegates will require the Moderator not to allow injected into the regular work of the Association any subjects that do not belong to the work of it, or that properly comes under some report, or any other foreign subjects.

It was once customary for the churches to bring up to the Association points of doctrine for advice and decision. Are there not questions of vital importance sometimes which might be discussed at these sessions? We are aware that it is a day when people are afraid of doctrine and doctrinal sermons, but Jesus speaks in John 7:17 of his doctrine If Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost was not a doctrinal sermon what was it? And at the beginning of a revival meeting, too. And to be sure, that was a great doctrine that Jesus proclaimed in Matthew 28:18, 19 and 20 (according to King James' version). "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of she world. Amen."

Much has been done in the last few years in the way of building better, more comfortable and attractive meeting houses, but are there not yet some which would not make good barns? And perhaps the members may be well able to build better houses. If there are such church houses, there is need of development there. Oh, that the feeling might take hold of such Christians as that which took hold of David and made him say, "I dwell in a house of cedar but the ark of the covenant of the Lord remaineth under curtains." The Lord would have the best we have of everything—the first fruits of the field and the lamb of the flock without a blemish—and should he not have the best house to dwell in? Away with the idea that God is not pleased with the beautiful of the earth! Was not Solomon's Temple the most expensive and one of the most beautiful buildings ever erected by man? And where do we find God charging Solomon with extravagance? On the other hand, we hear God saying in I Kings 9:3; "I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there forever." Is there not room for development here?

The pastors of this Association have preached the gospel faithfully, and in many cases the Lord has given them visible pledges of His divine approval of their service rendered Him, in the way of gracious revivals, for which we should thank the Lord. But how about their salaries? According to my best information, last year there were 12 churches in this Association which paid their pastors each $50 and under as salaries, and there were 7 which paid their pastor $40 and under apiece. Paul labored in making tents, but a pastor with a salary of $40 or less from each of his churches would have to make quite a number of tents to support his family. If the pastor is a great tobacco user, a church paying him $40 or less would just about keep him in tobacco.

But seriously, have we forgotten the Scripture in I Cor. 9:14 which says to us, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." As I am a layman, I speak freely on this subject, brethren. For us to pay the faithful pastor a mere pittance, and allow him to have to make great sacrifices to live and support his family, and let him incur debt to keep the wolf from the door is but to dishonor God. Let us go and learn what that command means in I Cor. 9:9, "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth on the corn." It is not a part of the work or mission of this Association to try to inspire into the members of the various churches a desire to make the place of God's worship attractive and to pay the pastors a living salary. Gratitude to the great Giver of all mercies demands that we do that much for those upon whom He has laid the responsibility of proclaiming the everlasting gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

In the National Superintendence Association held in Washington, D. C., February 25-27, 1908, the keynote of the meeting was industrialism or vocationalism. On this occasion President Roosevelt in his address to the 2,000 teachers present, in speaking of what education should mean, said it should educate "towards labor, towards the country—not from it," and thus "struck the chord that was played throughout the meeting." So Bro. J. R. Edwards awhile ago in his introdnctory sermon on the subject, "The In-dwelling Christ, or the ever-present Jesus," struck the keynote of this meeting.

So if everyone in this assembly could consciously feel the presence of this "In-dwelling Christ," then for the three or four days of its session, this Association would be prepared to discharge the responsible duties devolving upon it; and we would be on the eve of the pentecostal shower of God's blessings upon us.

May the Holy Spirit be our guide in all our deliberations.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Sandy Creek Sunday School Association.

Friday, May 28, 1909.

The Sandy Creek Baptist Association met in its twentieth annual session with the church at Sandy Branch, Chatham county, N. C.

According to previous appointment, Rev. C. L. Dowell preached the Introductory Sermon from Est. 4:13-14.

In the afternoon the Association reassembled, and devotional exercises were led by Rev. R. R. Moore. The roll of churches was called and the following delegates were enrolled:

Bear Creek—Gaston Lloyd.
Bethany—D. E. Murchison, Miss Nannie Murchison, Ralph Jordan.
Brush Creek—J. E. Spence, J. Balie Gilbert, J. H. Bray.
Emmaus—U. T. Clark, Miss Daisy Clark, Miss Maud Justice.
May's Chapel—J. W. White, W. M. Burns.
Mineral Springs—A. G. Stroud, G. P. Elmore, N. W. Dixon.
Mt. Olive—A. M. Jones, Womac McBane, W. R. Andrews.
Rives' Chapel—C. M. Webster, T. J. Dark.
Rocky River—Willie Johnson.
Sandy Branch—T. G. Ivey, J. G. Phillips, B. B. Webster.
Tyson's Creek—B. B. Phillips, J. L. McManus, F. J. Scott.

Ordained Ministers present: F. D. King, C. L. Dowell, L. R. Dixon, O. B. Mitchell, R. R. Moore, R. B. Lineberry, Jas. R. Edwards.

Superintendents of Sunday Schools present: J. E. Spence, G. W. Burke, D. E. Murchison, W. V. Cheek.

Prof. A. N. Cullom, of Raleigh, together with his four daughters were welcomed as visitors to the Association.

On permanent organization L. R. Dixon and W. Merritt Burns were re-elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The program prepared by R. B. Lineberry was adopted.

Enlarging the Sunday School: house to house visitation—By whom? was discussed by L. R. Dixon, R. B. Lineberry, D. H. Perry and R. R. Moore.

In the absence of some speakers, Superintendent in the Sunday School Room, was next considered and discussed by J. E. Spence.

The Teacher Present and Ready with a Message: by J. S. Thomas.

Cradle Roll and Home Department: by Jas. R. Edwards.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Religious Exercises—Deacons of Sandy Branch Church.

Place and Preacher for Next Association : D. H. Perry, J. E. Spence, W. B. Dorsett.

By a resolution passed at last Union, Time and Place for next Union was referred to this Association, and the Moderator appointed as committee, R. B. Lineberry, J. T. Paschal, W. V. Cheek.

The Association adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9:30.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by O. W. McManus. The following delegates were enrolled :

Siler City—D. L. Webster.

Ordained Ministers—W. H. H. Lawhon, G. W. Harmon.

Superintendents of Sunday Schools—R. H. Dixon, L. Moon, A. D. Coggins, Dr. O. B. Stroud.

The Teacher: His Life—Discussed by W. H. H. Lawhon, R. B. Lineberry.

Before the Class—C. L. Dowell.

Need of Better Teachers—O. B. Mitchell, R. H. Dixon.

Teacher Training : What? How? When? Why?—F. D. King.

At the suggestion of Bro. King, a motion was carried to appoint a committee to arrange for holding Sunday School Teachers' Institutes in this Association: F. D. King, C. L. Dowell, R. B. Lineberry, M. J. Boling.

The Teachers' Supreme Opportunity was discussed by J. R. Edwards.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

After devotional exercises, music in the Sunday School was discussed by A. N. Cullom, James R. Edwards, M. J. Boling.

Enlisting Children in Missions was discussed by D. L. Webster.

Committtee on Place and Preacher for next Association reported and recommended Cool Springs as place and James R. Edwards as preacher. Report adopted.

The Committee on Union Meeting recommend that we have a Union Meeting at Mineral Springs, beginning Friday before the fifth Sunday in August, and that James R. Edwards preach sermon.

Brethren J. R. Edwards, R. B. Lineberry, W. H. H. Lawhon made reports of their work, as a committee previously appointed, to try to increase the interest in the Sunday School work.

A motion was carried to take a collection tomorrow for Ministerial Education.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock.
Sermon at 11 o'clock by R. B. Lineberry.
In the afternoon, Prof. A. N. Cullom rendered a program of music.
Collection for Ministerial Education, $8.03.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1908-1909.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Enrolled	Average Attendance	Months Kept Open	Volumes in Library	Quarterlies & Papers Taken	School Expenses	Other Objects
Aberdeen	J. A. Bryant, Aberdeen	6	30	25	12	.....	92	$ 31 70	$ 26 00
Bear Creek	A. D. Coggins, Bear Creek	7	75	50	9	.....	79	6 50	....
Bethany	D. E. Murchison, Gulf	6	84	36	12	50	72	31 90	19 56
Bethlehem	C. G. Sullivan, Carthage	8	49	35	12	50		5 55	....
Beulah	M. E. Seawell, Highfalls	8	65	53	12	.....	225	8 00	....
Brush Creek	J. E. Spence, Cole's Store	7	157	81	12	.....	728	19 28	25 00
Cameron	C. C. Yates, Cameron	7	63	50	12	200	117	42 50	67 51
Carthage	Chas. O. Mainor, Carthage	8	120	65	12	200	200	38 97	101 17
Cool Springs	J. H. Henley, rfd 1, Sanford	7	60	50	12	......	68	22 45	....
Deep River	Effie Brown, Coleridge	6	50	45	12	....	50	10 00	... .
Emmaus	B. E. Moody, rfd 2, Pittsboro	6	76	49	......	......	55	6 02	7 69
Ephesus	P. A. Fisher, rfd 2, Carthage	5	38		9	25	45	3 57	....
Fall Creek	G. C. Phillips, rfd 1, Bear Creek	7	100	75	8	..	....	....	3 00
Flat Springs	A. C. Bridges, Moncure	7	50	45	12	.....	60	7 20	....
Gum Springs	C. E. Lasater, Moncure	7	57	30	12	.....	60	8 00	....
Hickory Mountain	E. V. Straughan, Silk Hope.	7	75	50	12	......	......	8 00	....
Jonesboro	W. W. Moore, Jonesboro	20	176	78	12	125	200	61 26	44 12
Love's Creek	H. A. Teague, rfd 1 Siler City	5	52	36	6		200	4 46	... .
May's Chapel	N. A. Gilmore, Stork	5	30	20	11	55	25	4 00	. .....
Mechanics' Hill	George Moore, rfd 1, Spies	4	33	20	8	......	..	....	....
Mineral Springs	Dr. O. B. Stroud, Ore Hill.	6	40	30	12	......	60	7 00	11 18
Moon's Chapel	H. H. Jordan, Jordan	4	30	25	12	....	25	2 00	....
Mt. Olive	R. F. Andrews, Maundale.	11	100	80	12	.....	80	8 00	1 50
Mt. Pleasant.	C. L. Kivett, Liberty	3	50	43	6	......	50	3 75	......
New Salem	J. T. Ellington, rfd 1, Bynum	6	37	.....	9		105	2 01	2 33
Pittsboro	J. L. Griffin, Pittsboro	6	42	30	12	60	......	21 21	10 38
Rives' Chapel	W. V Cheek, Rives' Chapel	7	78	30	11	......	...	6 50	....
Rock Springs	Norman Phillips. Pittsboro	8	60	40	12	.....	71	6 38	5 05
Rocky River	W. C. Teague, Siler City	5	40	.....	10		50	....	....
Sandy Branch	G. W. Burke, Bear Creek	7	100	50	12	......	100	8 00	8 16
Sandy Creek	Millard Frazier, rfd 1, Staley	6	57	40	9	.. .	60	5 09	....
Sanford	J. R. Edwards, Sanford	15	193	127	12		225	48 74	. ...
Siler City	R. H. Dixon, Siler City	9	148	81	12	50	237	40 00	....
Staley	C. P. Fox, Staley	6	50	25	12	...	70	5 00	4 05
Southern Pines	S. B. Richardson, Southern Pines	8	35	30	12	200	35	56 68	11 75
Tyson's Creek	L. Moon, Harpers X Roads	7	102	60	12	.	100	8 00	19 90
Union Grove	D. W. Reeder, rfd 1, Steeds	7	65	35	6	50	65	5 00	.....
Total		264	2677	1719		1065	3589	552 72	368 35

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C. L. Dowell ✓	Carthage, N. C.
J. R. Edwards ✓	Sanford, N. C.
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R. P. Ellington ✓	Wake Forest, N. C.
C. M. Emery ✓	Southern Pines, N. C.
S. W. Fuquay ✓	Eagle Springs, N. C.
G. W. Harmon ✓	Ore Hill, N. C.
J. W. Hartsell ✓	Cameron, N. C.
J. M. Henley ✓	Sanford, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.
W. T. Hurst ✓	Silva, N. C.
S. A. Ives, ✓	Pinebluff, N. C.
F. D. King ✓	Jonesboro, N. C.
W. G. King ✓	Jonesboro, N. C.
W. H. H. Lawhon ✓	Carthage, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
John Lewis ✓	Aberdeen, N. C.
R. B. Lineberry ✓	Manndale, N. C.
A. H. Manee ✓	Southern Pines, N. C.
O. B. Mitchell ✓	Pittsboro, N. C.
J. W Phillips ✓	Bear Creek, N. C.
D. R. Sears, ✓	Siler City, N. C.
J. S. Thomas ✓	Saxapahaw, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

C. L. Dowell, Chairman	Carthage, N. C.
T. L. Chisholm, Secretary	Sanford, N. C.
D. L. Webster	Siler City, N. C.
R. B. Lineberry	Manndale, N. C.
J. R. Edwards	Sanford, N. C.

TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

W. H. H. Lawhon, *Chairman*, 1911.

L. R. Dixon	1911.	M. J. Boling	1912.
R. P. Johnson	1911.	W. A. Headen	1913.
Dr. O. B. Stroud	1912.	E. D. Nall	1913.
T. J. Dark	1912.	I. H. Dunlap	1913.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SANDY CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

EMMAUS BAPTIST CHURCH, September 29, 1910.

The Sandy Creek Baptist Association met in its 152nd annual session with the church at Emmaus, Chatham county, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11 o'clock A. M. by R. B. Lineberry, of Manndale, N. C., his text being Acts 26:19.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Religious Exercises conducted by W. H. H. Lawhon. C. L. Dowell then read the annual message to the Association.

The following were enrolled as delegates :

Aberdeen—No delegates.
Antioch—I. B. Hatch, Gettie Fields.
Bear Creek—H. H. Hilliard, Riley Elkins.
Bethany—J. T. Paschal.
Bethlehem—R. R. Gordon.
Beulah—C. E. Purvis, B. H. Powers.
Biscoe—Letter—No delegates.
Brush Creek—N. J. Dixon.
Cameron—Wm. Rogers.
Carthage—Letter—No delegates.
Cool Springs—W. D. Poe, J. H. Henley.
Deep River—Letter—No delegates.
Eagle Springs—Letter—No delegates.
Emmaus—Isham Thrift, R. M. Clark, W. L. Johnson.
Ephesus—C. A. Craven.
Fall Creek—H. T. Powers, G. C. Phillips.
Flat Springs—L. C. Bridges, F. M. Riddle, Thomas Bridges.
Flint Hill—Not represented.
Fork Creek—Not represented.
Friendship—Not represented.
Gum Springs—W. D. Thomas, C. D. Wilkie, W. A. Copeland.
Hickory Mountain—H. G. Johnson, Henry Buckner, Brook McMath.
Jonesboro—W. S. Temple, W. H. Brooks, E. M. Hunt.
Love's Creek—W. L. Poe, Robert Dark, W. D. Teague.
May's Chapel—H. R. Harward.

Mechanic's Hill—Letter—No delegates.
Mineral Springs—Dr. O. B. Stroud, N. W. Dixon, N. R. Dixon.
Moon's Chapel—A. J. Lane.
Mt. Olive—R. F. Andrews, R. P. Ellington, M. C. McBane.
Mt. Pleasant—Letter—No delegates.
New Salem—J. V. Campbell, J. T. Ellington, W. H. Dean.
Pinebluff—Dwight H. Ives.
Pine Grove—Letter—No delegates.
Pittsboro—R. P. Johnson, H. G. Dorsett.
Rives Chapel—B. E. Dowd.
Rock Springs—H. W. Farrell, Norman Phillips, Mark Smith.
Rocky River—M. W. Duncan, W. E. Johnson.
Sandy Branch—C. M. Webster, G. B. Emerson, W. P. Ivey.
Sandy Creek—Letter—No delegates.
Sanford—E. D. Nall, T. L. Chisholm, R. D. Covington.
Siler City—James Sears.
Staley—A. M. Staley.
Southern Pines—Letter—No delegates.
Tyson's Creek—J. L. McManus, O. W. McManus, J. L. Scott.
Union Grove—Neil Dunlap, J. F. McNeill.

Ordained ministers present: W. H. H. Lawhon, W. G. King, F. D. King, J. R. Edwards, O. B. Mitchell, J. W. Phillips, G. W. Harmon, L. R. Dixon, J. W. Hartsell, F. L. Fiddler, C. L. Dowell, R. B. Lineberry.

Visitors present: E. L. Middleton, Secretary Sunday School Work; Rev. R. A. Moore, of Robeson Association; Rev. J. R. Moore, Abbeville Association, South Carolina; J. S. Moore, of Greensboro; H. P. Smith, Mebane, N. C.

Election of Officers: On motion F. D. King cast the vote of the Association for R. P. Johnson for Moderator.

On motion J. R. Edwards cast the vote of the Association for R. B. Lineberry for Clerk.

On motion J. T. Paschal cast the vote of the Association for T. L. Chisholm for Treasurer.

On motion the program as prepared by the committee was adopted.

The moderator announced the following committees:

Foreign Missions—J. R. Edwards, C. D. Wilkie, I. B. Hatch.
Orphanage—C. L. Dowell, W. E. Johnson, W. A. Copeland.
State Missions—F. D. King, N. R. Dixon, W. L. Poe.
Home Missions—O. B. Mitchell, H. G. Johnson, R. R. Gordon.
Aged Ministers—L. R. Dixon, H. R. Harward, Wm. Rogers.
Prayer Meetings—W. H. H. Lawhon, M. C. McBane, J. T. Paschal.
Periodicals—R. H. Dixon, W. S. Temple, B. E. Dowd.
S. S. Libraries—H. G. Dorsett, R. P. Ellington, J. T. Ellington.

Temperance—R. B. Lineberry, A. J. Lane, M. J. Boling.

Woman's Work—Report prepared by Miss Alice Liles, and read by F. D. King.

Education—R. D. Covington, Dr. H. T. Chapin, H. C. Lambert.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Emmaus Church.

Place and Preacher for Next Association—Delegates of 3d Section.

Obituary of Rev. R. R. Moore by Rev. W. H. H. Lawhon.

Obituary of Rev. J. L. Smith by L. R. Dixon.

Program Committee—J. L. Griffin, E. D. Nall, C. C. Jones.

On motion Bro. E. L. Middleton addressed the Association on the subject of Sunday Schools.

Report on Periodicals was read by R. H. Dixon.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Since there is no longer a question as to whether or not our people will have something to read, it is a matter of no small import as to what literature should be supplied, especially for our younger people.

The rural mail routes penetrating as they do, almost every section of our country, scattering broadcast almost every kind of poisonous literature, it becomes the solemn duty of every parent and teacher to look well as to the literature read by their children and pupils.

It is a sad fact that many of the most largely circulated secular papers of our country are unfit to be placed in the hands of the young, whose character and habits are largely shaped by impressions made by what they read.

The Baptists of North Carolina are fortunate in that the *Biblical Recorder*, our denominational organ, is one of the best papers published; and *Charity and Children*, the organ of our Orphanage, at Thomasville, is a splendid paper for obtaining information relative to the Orphanage work; the Mission journals and Sunday School supplies published by the various boards of our Southern Baptists, we believe to be as good as the best, and would cheerfully recommend that the above mentioned literature be the first supplied for our Baptist homes, to be read next to and in connection with Scriptures.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Dixon, *for Committee.*

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by R. H. Dixon, J. R. Moore, R. A. Moore, E. L. Middleton. The report was adopted.

Delegates were assigned to homes, and the session adjourned with benediction by F. D. King.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by G. W. Harmon. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following visitors reported present: R. T. Vann, of Meredith College; L. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary of Missions; N. H. Shepherd, of Neuse-Atlantic Association; J. S. Farmer, of *Biblical Recorder.*

On motion R. T. Vann was allowed twenty minutes to tell of Meredith College.

The moderator announced the following committees:

To nominate Executive Committee—J. T. Paschal, E. D. Nall, M. W. Duncan.

Auditing Committee—C. L. Dowell, Henry Buckner, N. W. Dixon.

To nominate Trustees of Associational School—W. G. King, H. W. Farrell, J. W. Phillips.

To nominate Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—G. W. Harmon, Wm. Rogers, F. L. Fiddler.

Report on State Missions was read by F. D. King.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The is no cause before the Baptists of North Carolina that demands more earnest prayer, more careful thought and more support than the cause of State Missions. There has never been a time in the history of our State when the field was so open and ready for Baptists as now. The people of the eastern counties are naturally Baptist in principle; the people of the mountains are ours by inheritance. But as a denomination we are neglecting this field of work. A victory here means new blood for our Southern Baptist brotherhood, and new impulse for the Baptists of the world. Many of our Associations are sorely in need of a missionary for all of his time. The Baptist cause in many places is suffering for lack of church buildings. Ninety thousand dollars, instead of forty-five, should be placed at the disposal of our Secretary for the prosecution of this work. While the State last year made an advance of $3,842.81, the Sandy Creek Association fell short in her contributions.

Our report two years ago, with a membership of 4,142, showed that we had contributed $631.25, while our report a year ago, with a membership of 4,208, showed our contributions to be $518.18—a loss of $113.07—making our contributions less than thirteen cents per capita. Why has there been such a falling off? The Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association per capita is thirty-one cents; the Raleigh sixty cents; the Sandy Creek less than thirteen. "My brethren, these things ought not to be."- Your committee earnestly urge that this Association accept its appor. tionment from the State Mission Board, and that the Association ask the Moderator and Clerk to make this apportionment among the various Churches, and that the Churches see to it that the amount is raised.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. King, *for Committee.*

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by L. Johnson. Report adopted.

Report on Aged Ministers' Relief was read by L. R. Dixon.

REPORT ON AGED MIMISTERS' RELIEF.

The Baptist Ministers' Relief Board was established in 1890. It is composed of nine Trustees, who are elected annually by the Baptist State Convention. The object of the Board is to afford aid and relief to needy Baptist ministers of North Carolina and their widows. There are five preachers, two lawyers, and two business men on this Board. No member can receive any compensation for services rendered, except when the Board thinks wise to have some special work done by some member of the Board, such as visiting Associations, etc., in the interest of the work. When much time is consumed, a small compensation is allowed. There are 32 beneficiaries at present, who receive from forty to one hundred dollars a year. Many of them need more. Some of them have no means at all of support, except the amount they receive from the Board. The Board is very careful to furnish aid to those only who are needy and worthy. Six hundred and eighty-five churches gave $2,911.82 for this work last year, and one thousand one hundred and ninety-three churches gave nothing at all.

Let us rally to the support of this Board, so that the needs of the worn-out preachers may be supplied.

L. R. DIXON,
WM. ROGERS,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by L. R. Dixon.

True Relation of Churches to Aged Ministers was discussed by R. P. Johnson, R. T. Vann, J. R. Moore. Report adopted.

Adjourned with benediction by J. R. Edwards.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

After singing, led by Dr. R. T. Vann, the report on Foreign Missions was read by J. R. Edwards.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The aim of Foreign Missions is to make Christ known to the world; to work for the actual conversion of men is the aim of every Christian and Church. It furnishes vision grandest and best, and expands mind and heart as nothing else can do. In persuit of it there is much to gratify and encourage.

The past year has been the best in the history of our Foreign Mission Board. New territory has been entered, and the forces in the old have been reinforced and furnished with better equipment. Twenty-two missionaries have been appointed, most of whom have gone to the front. In the employment of the Board are 246 missionaries, 114 ordained ministers, and 353 unordained native helpers. There are in use 61 missionary residences, 207 houses of worship, 289 church organizations of which 23 are self-supporting, 539 out-stations and 19,239 members. Last year there were 3,223 baptisms, and ten native Churches gave $57,423.28, and the Baptists of the South $501,058.84.

Other agencies in preaching the gospel deserve mention. There are under the care of the Board 318 Sunday Schools, with a roll of 11,756; 142 day schools, with 3,771 scholars; 11 boarding schools for boys, with 721 pupils; 12 boarding schools for girls, with 610 pupils; 2 colleges, with 134 students; 8 woman's training schools, with 179 students, and 10 theological seminaries, with 227 students. There were 14 medical missionaries connected with the 5 hospitals and 10 dispensaries. They treated 42,846 patients. The four well equipped printing plants furnished great quantities of Sunday School literature, religious tracts, papers, books, and the Bible in native languages.

The Board operates in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil, and Argentinia. From all these lands there never came more encouraging reports. The gospel is proving to be the unlift of China. The sun is up in the sunrise kingdom of Japan. There is day break in the dark continent of Africa. In all quarters of the world the light is shining.

But our needs are still great. These include men and women for important places, better equipment for the workers, chapels and church houses, better equipment for printing plants, hospitals, and schools. $600,000.00 to pay a debt of $37,000.00 and carry on the work, of which $50,000.00 was apportioned to North Carolina ; $875 to our Association.

It is a matter of simple, decent business to accept that amount, and for each church to pay promptly the sum apportioned it.

Your committee further urge each church to carry on a vigorous campaign of missionary edcucation through means of mission study classes, by distribution of mission books, tracts, and minutes of State and Southern Baptist Convention and the *Foreign Mission Journal*, and we urge each church to have a missionary committee to secure offerings for foreign missions from every member of the church.

J. R. Edwards,
I. B. Hatch,
C. D. Wilkie.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by J. R. Edwards.

"The Business Man in Missions" was discussed by R. D. Covington, L. Johnson, R. T. Vann, J. R. Moore. Report adopted.

The following resolutions, offered by R. B. Lineberry, were adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed—one from each section and one at large—a majority of whom shall be laymen, to suggest an equitable proportioning of our contributions among the churches and among the benevolent objects.

Resolved 2. That this shall apply to all of our benevolent objects.

The subject of Prayer Meetings was taken up and report read by W. H. H. Lawhon.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

Prayer Meeting is a service in which the spiritual gifts of the church may be developed, and we consider it essential to Christian training and growth. The greatest revivals of religion on record grew out of prayer meeting. Reference : Acts 2 chapter.

W. H. H. Lawhon, *for Committee.*

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by W. H. H. Lawhon, W. G. King, John S. Thomas. Report adopted.

The following obituary of Rev. R. R. Moore was read by W. H. H. Lawhon :

SKETCH OF THE LIFE AND CHARACTER OF RICHARD ROMULUS MOORE.

Richard Romulous Moore was born in Chatham County, North Carolina, September 20, 1829, and died June 7, 1910.

In early life he had religious impressions. Claims he had a desire to become a Christian when he was only eight (8) years old, but in that day children were not encouraged so much as now, to become Christians. His real conviction of sin was when he was about nineten (19) years of age, and having lived a moral life he found it hard to understand why he should be lost; yet he was troubled much about his condition and remained in this condition of darkness nearly two years. Sometimes he would find himself driven to that point where he would despair of all hope. Many of his friends would talk and pray with him. In speaking of the trials he passed through as a seeker and the dark day as he called it, he mentioned the name of L. Clegg, who seemed to take a great interest in his case, and an older sister of his, who would read the promises of God and encourage him to lay hold of them. Brother Clegg and this sister seem to have been his chief instructors and greatest help he found among his fellowmen, and he never forgot them. Eventually he was led to see the light, submitting himself to God his burden was gone, fully believing in Jesus as his Savior he was a new creature, and with this joy of soul he could not express, the worth of immortal soul was rolled upon him. Here the struggle usually attending the call to the ministry began. He did not want to preach, was willing to do anything else the Lord would have him do. He joined the church at————————————————————, and was baptized by Rev. Wllliam Lineberry about the year 1850. Soon after his baptism the impression to preach was giving him trouble and the future was dark to him. With little education, he felt he could not preach, and, like Moses, he was slow of speech. Would often pray to God for other work; felt that he would rather pay the salary of a better man to preach than undertake it himself. Like Jonah, he thought he would run away from his impressions, so he went to the State of Mississippi, but the impression was still with him. In that strange land and among strangers he felt as never before that "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel of Jesus Christ."

He soon returned to North Carolina and met with that good man of God, T. S. Yarboro, who encouraged him to go to Wake Forest College, which he did, entering January, 1855. After spending four years at Wake Forest, he traveled one year as missionary and colporter under the direction of the Baptist State Convention.

In the year of 1860 he married Mrs. Sarah Headen, whose maiden name was Brooks. Spent one year in Florida, returned to North Carolina and located at Mt. Vernon Springs. Was ordained, took charge of churches and became a hard, earnest worker in our Association for the building up of the Churches, Sunday Schools and Missions. During the trying years of the war and reconstruction he worked hard and was poorly compensated.

In 1869 he went to Florida, and for nine years labored as a pastor, missionary, and colporter in that State, and perhaps these nine years he did the best and most efficient work of his life. He came back to his native State in 1878 and settled in Greensboro, laboring all the while for the building up of the Baptist cause, a strong advocate of Sunday School, Missions, Education and Prayer Meetings and anything to build up the cause of the Master. In 1893 his wife, with whom he had happily lived 32 years died, and in 1894 he married Miss Maggie E. Brooks, an amiable lady, who was an helpmeet indeed.

He moved to Mt. Vernon Springs and spent his last days among the people of his native county, a people he loved dearly and was loved by them in return. His body is buried at Mt. Vernon Springs, where it awaits the resurection morn.

Brother Moore will be missed in our Association and Union Meetings, for he was often with us. We ought to pay great respect to the bodies of the departed saints, for the memory of the just is blessed. At the funeral of the body of the Christian which is held on earth there is much weeping and mourning but at the same time a festival of the marriage of the soul is held in Heaven.

"A voice is heard on earth of kinfolks weeping
The loss of one they love,
But he has gone where the redeemed are keeping
A festival above.

The mourners throng the way, and from the steeple
The funeral bell tolls slow,
But on the golden streets the holy people
Are passing to and fro.

And saying as they meet rejoice, another
Long waited for is come.
The Savior's heart is glad a younger brother
Hath reached the Father's home."

W. H. H. LAWHON.

Moved and carried to receive and print in minutes.

The obituary of Rev. Jesse Louis Smith was read by L. R. Dixon.

SKETCH OF THE LIFE AND CHARACTER OF ELDER JESSE LEWIS SMITH.

Elder Jesse Lewis Smith, son of Jesse Smith and Elizabeth Hutt Smith, was born in Chatham County, N. C., August 13, 1836, and died October 5, 1909, aged 73 years, 1 month and 22 days.

He was reared in the community in which he was born, professed faith in Christ while young and was baptized into the fellowship of Love's Creek Church when about 17 years old by Elder Wm. Lineberry.

He married Miss Eliza Adcock on March 9, 1859. To them were born five children, Mary Etta Smith, Cattie Smith Fesmire, Shubal Sterns Smith, Jesse Merritt Smith and Richard Romulus Smith, all of whom live in the community where they were born except Shubal Stearns Smith, who lives at Clayton, Del.

He volunteered and joined the Southern Army in the beginning of the Civil War and was with his company and regiment continually until captured at the Wilderness. He was not released from the prison—Johnson's Island—until after the close of the hostilities, reaching home sometime in June following the close of the war.

He was the truest type of the Confederate soldier—brave, fearless, prompt and punctual in the performance of every duty imposed upon him. He early won and ever afterward enjoyed the confidence of the officers under whom he served, and his quiet manners, kindness and genial good nature rendered him a favorite among the soldiers with whom he associated.

It is stated by one who was with him from the time he enlisted in the service of the Confederacy until he was captured by the Federals at the battle of the Wilderness, that in all the vicissitudes of war through which the 26th North Carolina Regiment passed, by the campfire, on the march, in the burning light of the battle and amidst the rattle of musketry and roar of cannon, he always found him the same unflinching soldier and Christian gentleman. And that at no time did he ever hear him speak ill of his fellowman or utter a profane word.

While a soldier he read and loved his Bible as he loved no other book.

He felt it his duty to preach the gospel soon after he joined the church, but excused himself on account of his incomplete education. But while a prisoner of war he promised the Lord if he would bring him home to his loved ones he would do anything he could.

Soon after the war he began to exercise in public, and was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry at Love's Creek Church on Monday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1872, by Elders William Lineberry, D. C. Murchison, Thos. H. Matthews and Daniel Hackney. For nearly forty years he was actively engaged in the pastoral work, and during this time a great number of people were converted under his ministry and baptized into the fellowship of the various churches of which he was pastor.

He has served as pastor of the following churches: Bear Creek, Bethlehem, Cedar Falls, Columbia, Dover, Emmaus, Fall Creek, Friendship, Fork Creek, Flint Ridge, Hickory Mountain, Macedonia, Moon's Chapel, Moore's Chapel, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Zion, Mechanic's Hill, Mineral Springs, Maple Springs, Rocky River, Rock Springs, Sandy Branch, Staley, Union Grove, Walla's Barn, and Love's Creek the remainder of the year after Elder Wm. Lineberry died.

He did missionary work in our Association for at least two years, and during that time he did a great deal of traveling, visiting many homes of people who knew very little of the Christ, and told them the sweet story of the gospel.

He was pastor of Fall Creek Church for about 40 years, and during that time baptized 370 persons into the fellowship of that church.

He rejoiced greatly in his last days on account of the gracious meetings held with his churches by other preachers. Forty-six persons were baptized into the fellowship of Fall Creek Church last year.

Eternity alone can reveal the good done by this man during his life, and many, we think, will be the sheaves garnered in God's granary by him.

His funeral was conducted by Pastor J. R. Edwards and his body laid to rest in Love's Creek Cemetery to await the resurection.

L. R. DIXON.

P. S.—The writer is indebted to Mr. A. R. Siler, of Siler City, N. C., for a sketch of the soldier life of Bro. Smith.

Received and ordered printed in the minutes.

On motion, W. H. H. Lawhon read the following obituary of Thos. S. Yarbro :

SKETCH OF THE LIFE AND CHARACTER OF THOMAS YARBRO.

Rev. Thomas Yarbro, son of Richard and Tobitha Yarbro, was born in Caswell County, N. C., June 6, 1827. When a boy he worked with his father at the millwright trade, and attended the schools around his home near Milton. After he decided to preach and was married to Miss Elizabeth Terry, of Milton, he went to Covington, Ky., and took a course of several years in school. After leaving school, he traveled one year for the Convention, then took charge of the Seminary at Mt. Vernon Springs, which position he held until his death on November 27, 1860. He was pastor of Rives Chapel and was buried at that church.

Brother Yarbro was one of the greatest workers who ever lived among us. A man of strong faith and great zeal. There was no work too great for him to undertake for the Lord, expecting great things in return. He had great earnestness, with whole heartedness, and from a sense of duty he would go about his work with courage, looking up to God with a confiding heart.

He was a man of true affection — he loved God, his Word and work, church and people, and gloried in the salvation of souls. As a teacher his equal was rarely ever found. Firmness and precision, with gentleness, was characteristic of his instruction. He loved his pupils and felt a deep interest in their spiritual and temporal welfare ; often take them in his study, read some scripture and pray with them, exhort and encourage them to become Christians. When Bro. Yarbro died a gloom was cast over the whole Association, for we all felt that a great man was gone from among us, and our loss indeed is great.

Bro. Yarbro, as I remember him, was a medium size man, fair complexion, with a sweet, clear voice, and his delivery was fine. And he used these gifts to the glory of God. And though he has been gone 50 years, he still lives among us in his work and in the affection of those who can remember him.

One faith remains for all — the hope and blessed assurance of a glorious im mortality. If I die, shall I live again, is the ever recurring question. The answer is the same to all : There is no death.

There is no death ; the stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forevermore.

There is no death ; the leaves may fall
And flowers fade and pass away,
They only wait through wintry hours
The coming of the May.

There is no death ; an Angel form
Walked o'er the earth with silent tread ;
He bears our best loved ones away
And then we call them dead.

W. H. H. Lawhon.

Received and ordered printed in minutes.

Remarks were made by W. H. H. Lawhon and W. G. King, and prayer offered by L. Johnson.

On motion R. D. Covington and J. R. Edwards are asked to have printed in the *Recorder* their addresses on Foreign Missions.

J. T. Paschal read report nominating Executive Board as follows :

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We you committee to nominate an Executive Board, recommend the present incumbents, viz.: C. L. Dowell, T. L. Chisholm, D. L. Webster, R. B. Lineberry and J. R. Edwards.

Respectfully submitted,
J. T. Paschal
E. D. Nall,
M. W. Duncan.

W. G. King read recommendation for Trustees of Associational School.

TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

We your committee to recommend three Trustees of the Associational School, recommend E. D. Nall, W. A. Headen and I. H. Dunlap for a term of three years.

Respectfully submitted,
W. G. King,
H. W. Farrell,
J. W. Phillips, Jr.

On motion C. L. Dowell was made Representative of State Mission Board till his successor is chosen.

The Moderator announced the Committee on Apportionment.

COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

Rev. W. H. H. Lawhon, E. D. Nall, H. R. Harward, W. L. Poe, A. J. Lane. The Moderator and Clerk were added to the committee.

Announcements.

Adjourned with benediction by F. L. Fiddler.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. W. Hartsell. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Rev. J. S. Thomas was recognized as a pastor present. Visiting brethren were recognized as follows : M. L. Kesler, of Orphanage, and G. E. Lineberry, Educational Secretary.

On motion the Moderator appointed C. L. Dowell to investigatte the condition of Fork Creek, Flint Hill, and Friendship churches.

The Moderator appointed J. T. Paschal, Dr. O. B. Stroud, I. H. Dunlap as Program Committee.

The Moderator appointed Rev. J. R. Edwards to prepare the Annual Address for next year.

On motion the Moderator appointed L. R. Dixon, Dr. O. B. Stroud and I. H. Dunlap a committee to have full power to put to use, sell or change the location of Mt. Vernon Springs School property.

G. W. Harmon reported for the Committee to Nominate Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, recommending Rev. C. L. Dowell as delegate and Rev. J. R. Edwards as alternate. Report of committee adopted.

On motion the program was changed to this order: Orphanage, Woman's Work, and then Education.

The report on Orphanage was read by C. L. Dowell.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

On November 11, 1885, the first child was received in the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. During these twenty-five years more than twelve hundred children have been received. The plant consists of 450 acres of land, ten dormitories, school building, library, central dining room, central sewing room, infirmary, printing office, shoe shop, steam laundry, and other necessary buildings. An up-to-date industrial building is now going up. A complete system of sewerage and water works makes it possible to keep the place in a sanitary condition.

The purpose of the institution is to furnish a home for indigent orphan children who are capable of education and training. Each year more equipment is being added to improve and enlarge the scope of this training, so that when they leave the institution they will be fitted to join the ranks of the men and women who are blessing our country. Along with a practical education in the different forms of industry and books, moral and spiritual training is also emphasized.

The running expense of the Orphanage is about one hundred dollars a day. It costs about eighty dollars a year to support one child, not including buildings and repairs.

Last year we averaged 386 children. There is perhaps no other Orphanage in the world so dependent upon Sunday Schools for its support as ours. We do urge that every Sunday School take a collection once a month, and also that each Sunday School take a club of *Charity and Children.* It is one dollar a copy for single copies, but sixty cents, in clubs of ten or more, to one address. We earnestly recommend that every church take a special collection on Thanksgiving Day, and where this is not convenient, we suggest that the church take this collection on the Sunday nearest to Thanksgiving. Larger gifts are needed to meet the increased cost of living.

Some Associations are taking steps to raise a fund for a church building on the Orphanage grounds, to be called the "Mills Memorial Church." This is much needed. More dormitories are also needed to meet the distressing calls for help from hundreds of needy children. It is to be hoped that these will be supplied by individuals.

C. L. Dowell,
W. E. Johnson,
W. A. Copeland.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by M. L. Kesler. Report adopted.

F. D. King read the report on Woman's Work, which was prepared by Miss Alice Liles.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

It will require careful study to fully appreciate the work done in the church by the Missionary Societies.

Our Home Board, our Foreign Mission Board and the Sunday School Board, recognizing and appreciating this work, each, every year send their recommendations to the Woman's Missionary Union. Our State Convention recognizes this work and each year asks the Societies for contributions to help carry on the work. Still a great number of both men and women do not yet see the importance of this work and not even know the purpose of a Missionary Society.

There are three reasons for a Missionary Society: First, To develop Christian character of its members, Second, To send the gospel everywhere. Third, To reach out for the unsaved in its own community.

Church work suffers because so many are without proper knowledge, which could be easily obtained. This lack of information the Missionary Societies can remedy by distributing literature and by organized courses of study. In this way the Society becomes an educating medium. With knowledge of the needs of the gospel, the soul naturally goes out to God in prayer, and then follows giving of our money, and giving in the Bible way—regularly and systematically.

The majority of Southern Baptists live in the country. By referring to the minutes of the Association, we find that the greater portion of the Baptists of Sandy Creek live in the country. This being true, we can readily see the importance of the country church and of the individual country church member. We wish to make an appeal to all of our country churches to aid in every way possible this branch of our church work.

The reason for not organizing a Society in most country churches is, that it is hard to get the people together. But will this reason be accepted of God? The men can help a great deal by being willing to wait while the women hold their meetings. More women are members of the church than men. Ry referring to the minutes we find that the women names exceed the men by 751. On account of numbers it is important that she be given a place to work. Christianity has done much for woman, and all she asks is to be given a chance to show her appreciation.

We suppose the first Missionary Society in the Sandy Creek Association was organized about 18 years ago. We now have 16 Societies, with a membership of 297, contributing $519.87 for the year ending August 31, 1910. This shows a gain of $168.31 over the previous year. We are proud of these 16 Societies and what they have done. It has taken about 18 years to organize 16 Societies. Will it will take 18 years to organize 16 more? We still have a few men who oppose this work—or if they do not oppose it, they will not help—and to all these we ask a careful study of the Churches with Societies, and to those without Societies.

We would say to the Societies that the most important field of work for us is to arouse the members we already have to deeper mission thought and personal responsibility for a lost world, and to enlist those not members. The cause of Christ most of all needs trained workers. Some of our best women leaders received their first training in a Mission Society. It was there she learned the needs of the world ; it was there she made her first feeble talks and asked God's blessing upon every agency of good.

If we could enlist all of the 2,470 women members of the Association, paying an average of 10 cents a month, in a year we would have $2,964 for missions.

We ask both men and women to help in every way possible to extend this branch of God's work and help care for the vast amount of latent power in our churches.

ALICE LILES.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by F. D. King. Report adopted.

At this hour the women gathered at the stand for a missionary conference.

The report on Education was read by R. D. Covington.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

All over our State and country schools and colleges are opening for another year's work. Parents have made great sacrifices for their children in order to give them an education, for they realize how important it is in these days and times. The educated boy and girl stands the best chance to secure the highest positions of honor in the various occupations of life. The training secured in the right kind of school or college tends to develop the young people not only in mind, but also in spirit and soul, thereby making of them well rounded characters in whatever line of activity they may enter.

Our duty to this and future generations is to see that every boy and girl knows of their great privilege and opportunity to obtain a good education, and that every boy and girl shall have a chance to win out in the struggle for higher mental development, for nobler Christian character and for greater usefulness to their country. We would not advocate the education of mind only, but also of the heart, and we are convinced that our colleges are paying proper attention to the souls of the boys and girls as well as to the training of their minds. For we are satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that our boys and girls get a deeper spiritual impression in the schools that are supported by the daily prayers of their parents as well as by the hard earned dollars.

We are justly proud of Wake Forest and Meredith, as well as the Orphanage and the other schools. We must prepare for the increasing numbers that are coming to these great institutions every year, so that we shall not turn away a single boy or girl, and so as to be able to give them proper attention not only in the class-rooms, but also on the campus and in the Sunday School Classes. To do this we must give more liberally to the cause of Education. Let us remember it is a missionary cause, for often Wake Forest boys go to the foreign fields and Meredith girls give their lives to the uplifting of heathen women.

Brethren, let us wake up to the full meaning of Christian Education, and let us do our full duty to this cause,

R. D. COVINGTON.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by R. D. Covington, E. P. Ellington and G. E. Lineberry. Report adopted.

Adjourned with benediction by W. G. King.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The report on Sunday Schools and Libraries was read by H. G. Dorsett.

(Copy of report not furnished the Clerk.)

On motion to adopt the report, it was discussed by H. G. Dorsett. Report adopted.

The report on Temperance was read by R. B. Lineberry.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Not only to Christians, but to all lovers of peace and good order, it is encourging to know that Temperance sentiment and its agitation has become strong enough in North Carolina to put prohibition on our statute books, even through the politicians. But the victory is not won—the battle royal is on. We must fight for the enforcement of the law, or lose the law.

To be a good Christian, one must surely be a good citizen. As Christians, we cannot afford to lag behind our duties as citizens. Now good citizenship requires (and Christianity emphasizes it) that we shall not only have good laws, but have them executed. We, therefore, call attention to the transcendant importance of Christians exercising their privileges and duties as citizens in talking, voting and living till the officers of our government shall know that our Temperance laws must be enforced.

Until we as Christians shall thus express ourselves, we need expect but little of our Temperance laws, and we have little right to complain of our executive officers.

We would also remind you that for prohibition to be prohibition we must stop the shipment of liquor into dry territory and abolish the near beer stands. And we urge our Bap'ist people to exercise their privileges as citizens to this end with our legislators and congressmen.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. Lineberry,
A. J. Lane.

Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by R. B. Lineberry. Report adopted.

The Apportionment Committee's report was offered by W. H. H. Lawhon. See appendix.

F. D. King offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the sincere appreciations of the Association be offered to the community for the loyalty and hospitality shown during this session.

F. D. King.

C. D. Wilkie read the report of committee on Place and Preacher.

REPORT ON PLACE AND PREACHER.

We recommend Mineral Springs as the place, and J. S. Thomas as preacher for the next Association.

C. D. Wilkie, *for Committee.*

The report was adopted.

It was moved and carried to pay the Clerk for the blackboard, and a collection amounting to $8.50 was taken for this purpose.

Upon motion the salary of the Clerk was increased from $5.00 to $15.00.

The report of the Treasurer was read, having attached the Auditor's approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Minutes	$ 38.53
State Missions	16.60
Home Missions	40.01
Foreign Missions	30.83
Sunday School Missions	1.00
Ministerial Education	14.50
Ministerial Relief	4.40
Orphanage	124.41
	$270.28
Balance Convention Delegate	1.50
	$271.78

The above is my report for the year 1910 of Sandy Creek Association—1910.

T. L. Chisholm, Treasurer.

The Auditing Committee approved.

C. L. Dowell.

The report on Home Missions was read by O. B. Mitchell.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Not only a problem, but a great duty confronts Southern Baptists. The machine and railways have made possible the wealth of our country. More than 1,000,000 foreigners, also, flock to our shores each year. From these there has, and is, coming the breaking up of the wholesome simplicity of the former South. These people, in a great many instances, are like Ephriam of old, so to speak, joined to their idols. We must grapple with these problems in the name of Christ.

It is true that we have done great things. Through the work of the missionaries for the past year there were 27,426 souls baptized, 52,910 added to the church. The report of the Treasurer shows that $329,475.79 have been raised for Home Missions during the past year. This is an increase of 144 per cent. over the amount raised five years ago, and 16 per cent. over last year. But this is not enough, we must go forward still more.

Southern Presbyterians and Methodists are going forward in the Home Mission work. Northern Baptists last year raised about $900,000 for Home Missions, while Southern Baptists, this year, have raised less than half that amount.

The Sandy Creek Association, with a membership of 4,208 paid, last year, the small amount of $438.63 to Home Missions, this being less than 11 cents per member. While this is an increase over 1908, let us not step backward, but ever let us march forward to the "mark of the high calling of God" in Home Missions.

O. B. MITCHELL.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by O. B. Mitchell. Report adopted.

On motion a committee was appointed to arrange for Mission Rally days in the churches. The committee was appointed by the Moderator as follows: J. R. Edwards, C. L. Dowell and J. L. Griffin.

Announcements for Sunday services.

Adjourned with benediction by W. H. H. Lawhon.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Devotional services conducted by C. D. Wilkie. A paper on Grading in the Sunday School, prepared by C. H. Smith, of Sanford, was read by the Clerk. An address was made by G. E. Lineberry on Sunday School Needs. A very large crowd had assembled by the 11 o'clock hour. There was preaching in the house by Rev. J. S. Thomas and at the stand by Rev. W. H. H. Lawhon. A collection was taken for State Missions amounting to $8.95. After dinner there was preaching in the house by Rev. R. P. Ellington and at the stand by Rev. R. B. Lineberry.

Thus closed a session deeply interesting throughout, and filled more than usual with a spirit of aggressiveness.

MINUTES OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THE SANDY CREEK ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT SILER CITY.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Sandy Creek Association met in annual session with the Church at Siler City, Friday, July 8, 1910, at 8 o'clock P. M.

After a song service, Rev. J. R. Edwards, by invitation, addressed the Union on the subject "What Woman Can Do."

Saturday morning, the Union was called to order by the Vice-President, Mrs. R. B. Lineberry, who conducted the devotional exercises. Mrs. W. S. Edwards was elected Secretary. The roll of Societies was called, and eleven of the sixteen Societies were represented by reports.

Mrs. R. B. Lineberry then made her report as Associational Vice-President.

An account of the Baltimore meeting, written by Mrs. F. D. King, was read by Miss Perry.

Miss Alice Liles then a paper which she had prepared on the subject "Woman's Part in Winning the World."

Miss Callie Dunlap read a paper prepared by Mrs. J. H. Henley, on "The Private Soldier in the Missionary Army."

In the Afternoon, after prayer service by Miss Alice Liles, Miss Brooks read a paper on State Missions.

Miss Lizzie Dixon read a paper prepared by Mrs F. P. Nooe, on "The Importance of Training the Young."

In business session, the Union decided to hold the Annual meetings on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in July. The next session will be held with the Pittsboro Society.

Mrs. J. H. Henley, Mrs. M. J. Boling and Miss Nora McManus were selected to arrange a program for a conference at the next session of the Association.

Miss Netta Liles was elected Associational President.

Miss Alice Liles suggested the employment of a Field Secretary.

Following the recommendation of the Vice-President, the Union decided to try to have at least twenty Societies by the next meeting, and also to increase the membership 25 per cent., and took for the aim $500.

Rev. M. L. Kesler, of Thomasville, addressed the Union Saturday night on "Orphanage Work," and Sunday morning he preached an able sermon.

The delegates who attended went away with greatly increased zeal and determination to work for the Master. The ladies of Siler City were especially graciously thoughtful and kind in care for the entertainment and social pleasure of the delegates while attending this meeting.

Constitution of Sandy Creek Baptist Association.

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of members not exceeding three in number from each church, chosen by the different churches in our Union, together with such ordained ministers as may hold their membership with churches belonging to this Association.

Art. 2. The application of any church for membership shall be referred to a committee, who shall examine its church covenant and articles of faith, and upon favorable report may be admitted as a constituent member of this body.

Art. 3. In letters from the different churches shall be expressed the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and has died since last Association ; also the total number in fellowship, together with the contributions forwarded.

Art. 4. All members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church belonging to the Union, but shall sit only as an advisory council.

Art. 5. The Association shall elect a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, annually, by the suffrages of members present; a majority of the ballots cast being necessary to decide a choice.

Art. 6. There shall be appointed by the Association at each annual session an Executive Board, to consist of five members, whose duty shall be to solicit funds for the support of a missionary or missionaries to labor in such destitute portions of the Association as they may designate, and to disburse such funds as may be sent up to the Association for this purpose, drawing on the Treasurer of the Association for any amount in his hands for this field of labor. It shall also be their duty upon the death of their members, or of the Treasurer of the Association, to fill such vacancies.

Art. 7. The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any church in her Union who shall knowingly and wilfully violate the Constitution or depart from the orthodox principles of religion.

Art. 8. Amendments to this Constitution shall be made only by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the Association present.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY WORK FOR THE YEAR 1909-1910.

CHURCHES.	Members,	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Training School.	Margaret Home.	Other Objects.	Total.
Aberdeen	11	$ 11 00	$ 9 85	$ 12 15	$	$	$	$ 70	$ 33 70
Bethany	8	1 70	3 43	11 45	26 95				43 53
Biscoe	14		4 50	8 71					13 21
Brush Creek	50	6 75	2 50	4 65					13 90
Cameron	15	15 65	8 50	7 65	1 40			1 00	34 00
Carthage	12	7 90	12 25	13 80				1 05	35 00
Gum Springs	11			2 40					2 40
Jonesboro	63	35 00	40 00	49 00		5 00	2 50	4 00	135 50
Love's Creek	15								
Mineral Springs	19								
Mt. Olive	36	6 99	2 57	3 54					13 10
Pittsboro	14	95	48 06	32 30					81 31
Rock Springs	10	2 00	75	3 66					6 41
Sandy Branch	43	5 00	3 25	11 75				4 25	24 25
Sanford	26	9 00	7 65	5 50		1 86			24 01
Siler City	20								26 55
Tyson's Creek	36	4 50	3 00	8 15				1 55	17 20
Tolal	403	$ 106 44	$ 146 11	$ 174 71	$28 35	$ 6 86	$ 2 50	$12 55	$ 504 07

REPORT OF SUNBEAM WORK FOR YEAR 1909-1910.

Cameron	21	4 25	2 00	1 70	$				$ 7 95
Carthage	13			5 00					5 00
Jonesboro	40		2 20	2 20					4 40
Rock Springs	22				1 00				1 00
Total	96	4 25	4 20	8 90	1 00				$ 18 35

SECTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

FIRST SECTION.

Brush Creek
Mechanic's Hill
Mount Pleasant
Union Grove
Moon's Chapel
Sandy Creek
Tyson's Creek
Beulah
Staley
Fork Creek
Deep River
Fall Creek
Pine Grove

SECOND SECTION.

Emmaus
New Salem
Siler City
Mount Olive
Rocky River
Rock Spring
Love's Creek
Hickory Mountain
Pittsboro

THIRD SECTION.

Bear Creek
May's Chapel
Flat Springs
Gum Springs
Sandy Branch
Rives Chapel
Mineral Springs
Bethany
Antioch

FOURTH SECTION.

Aberdeen
Jonesboro
Carthage
Eagle Springs
Cool Springs
Cameron
Flint Hill
Biscoe
Friendship
Ephesus
Sanford
Bethlehem
Southern Pines
Pinebluff

CHURCH STATISTICS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1909-1910.

CHURCHES.	Time of Preaching.	PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	Baptized.	Received By Letter.	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total
Aberdeen	1st	C. C. Wheeler, Wake Forest	W. E. Poe, Aberdeen		4		2	13		13	22	35
Antioch	4th	G. W. Harmon, Ore Hill	J. W. Burke, Goldston	9	2				1	13	28	41
Bear Creek	1st	L. P. Soots, Ore Hill	H. D. Stinson, Goldston	4		1	2	3	2	71	122	193
Bethany	1st	J. R. Edwards, Sanford	D. E. Murchison, Gulf	9	4	1		1	1	39	65	104
Bethlehem	3rd	W. H. H. Lawhon, Carthage, R. 1	S. M. Harmon, Carthage, Route 3	3			20		3	79	154	233
Beulah	2nd	L. P. Soots, Ore Hill	J. T. Powers, Noise		2		2			58	62	120
Biscoe	1st	W. M. Bostick, Biscoe	W. C. Wright, Biscoe		8					13	19	32
Brush Creek		F. D. King, Jonesboro	Van E. Ellis, Siler City	11	7	2	11			96	108	204
Cameron	2d-4th	C. L. Dowell, Carthage	C. C. Yates, Cameron	4	8		4			50	59	109
Carthage	1st-3rd	C. L. Dowell, Carthage	W. G. Jennings, Carthage	16	7		10	2		50	68	118
Cool Springs	2nd	W. W. H. Lawhon, Carthage R. 1	J. H. Henley, Sanford, Route 1	1			5	3		37	48	85
Deep River	3rd	J. W. Phillips, Bear Creek	R. C. Stokes, Coleridge							11	21	32
Eagle Springs	1st	W. H. H. Lawhon, Carthage, R. 1	W. H. Fry, Carthage, Route 1				2			11	15	26
Emmaus	4th	L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon Springs	G. M. Clark, Pittsboro, Route 2		2	1	2	5	1	70	57	127
Ephesus	4th	F. D. King, Jonesboro	T. J. Savage, Sanford, Route 1	5	2		2		1	20	29	49
Fall Creek	3rd	F. L. Fiddler, High Point	J. W. Brewer, Fall Creek	21	3	1	2	1		157	171	328
Flat Springs	3rd	O. B. Mitchell, Pittsboro	L. C. Bridges, Moncure	1	1					13	13	26
Flint Hill												
Fork Creek												
Friendship												
Gum Springs	4th	R. B. Lineberry, Manndale	C. D. Wilkie, Moncure	4	13		1	2	2	63	103	106
Hickory Mountain	3rd	L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon Springs	N. B. Justice, Siler City	3			4			59	48	107
Jonesboro	4th	F. D. King Jonesboro	J. F. King, Jonesboro	38	15		5		2	85	142	227
Love's Creek	4th	J. R. Edwards, Sanford	J. L. Gilliland, Siler City	10			9		2	71	123	194
May's Chapel	1st	J. S. Thomas, Manndale	N. H. Perry, Cumnock	8			4	1	4	44	49	93
Mechanic's Hill	2nd	J. W. Phillips, Bear Creek Route	N. M. Williams, Spies, Route 1			1			3	25	41	66
Mineral Springs	2nd	F. D. King, Jonesboro	N. R. Dixon, Siler City, Route 3	12	6	2	1		2	34	51	85
Moon's Chapel	2nd	F. L. Fiddler, High Point	E. L. Vestal, Jordan	2			2		2	18	38	56
Mt. Olive	1st	R. B. Lineberry, Manndale	S. M. Lewis, Saxapahaw, Route 1	14	2		2	4	2	72	103	175
Mt. Pleasant	1st	G. W. Harmon, Ore Hill	G. R. Williams, Staley, Route 1				1		1	11	33	44
New Salem	3rd	R. B. Lineberry, Manndale	E. L. Perry, Bynum				1		1	22	31	53
Pinebluff		S. A. Ives, Pinebluff	A. D. Ives, Pinebluff	3								17
Pine Grove	1st	W. H. Strickland, Greensboro	B. Deaton, Spies, Route 2	1	2			2		13	25	38
Pittsboro	3rd	R. B. Lineberry, Manndale	J. W. Moore, Pittsboro	4	3		4		1	25	36	61
Rives Chapel	2nd	L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon Springs	C. W. Oliver, Millwood	6		1	13		3	46	71	117
Rock Springs	2nd	R. B. Lineberry, Manndale	P. T. Farrell, Pittsboro	3	3		2	2		27	32	59
Rocky River	1st	L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon Spring	J. W, Teague. Siler City, Route 2	3	2			1		47	71	118
Sandy Branch	3rd	F. D. King, Jonesboro	T. G. Ivey, Siler City, Route 3	17	15	1	7	1	1	107	106	213
Sandy Creek	3rd	G. W. Harmon, Ore Hill	E. A. McMasters, Staley		5		2		1	24	36	60
Sanford	1st-3rd	J R. Edwards, Sanford	T. L. Chisholm, Sanford	24	25		23			79	113	192
Siler City	2d-4th	J. R. Edwards, Sanford	C. N. Bray. Siler City	12	5		2			55	81	136
Southern Pines	*	T. M. Gardner, Southern Pines	S. B. Richardson, Southern Pines	2	4	1	2			12	17	29
Staley		No Pastor	C. P. Fox, Staley		1					6	4	10
Tyson's Creek	2nd	F. D. King, Jonesboro	L. Moon, Harper's X Roads	7	1	1	5		1	39	52	91
Union Grove	1st	J. W. Phillips, Bear Creek	G. F. Garner, Seagrove	8			3	2	1	50	112	162

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1909-1910.

CHURCHES.	Value Church Property.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Improvem'ts.	Incidentals.	Sunday School Expenses.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Old Ministers' Relief.	Minute Fund.	Other Objects.	Total.
Aberdeen	$ 2000 00	$ 175 00		$ 20 00	$ 22 70	$ 18 50	$ 19 71	$ 20 42	$	$ 50 93	$ 4 55	$ 3 91	$ 1 00	$ 70 70	$ 407 42
Antioch	500 00	50 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	4 00		2 50		2 25	70		71 45
Bear Creek	1000 00	75 00		11 75		5 00	5 00	8 33		15 50					120 58
Bethany	400 00	200 00		5 50	13 37	27 62	29 84	32 70	3 54	46 15	3 55	3 46	2 00	17 68	385 41
Bethlehem	1500 00	125 00		30 00	6 00	5 00	6 00	6 00		11 00	2 00		1 50		192 50
Beulah	500 00	65 00			12 00	4 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	1 00		1 10	12 70	104 80
Biscoe	1400 00					3 50	6 00	10 21		8 75	1 00	1 00	1 20		31 66
Brush Creek		200 00		18 50	13 88	18 25	20 31	16 26		32 52	3 38	3 00	1 00		327 10
Cameron	1000 00	304 99		1 00	29 81	46 88	21 54	39 71	2 11	56 85	8 43	3 90	1 50	25 00	541 72
Carthage		450 00		44 30	85 32	40 00	35 00	61 00	5 00	75 00	5 00	3 17	1 00	11 05	815 84
Cool Springs	1500 00	100 00				10 00	5 00	5 00		16 00		2 00	1 00		139 00
Deep River	1000 00	50 00	5 00		10 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 50					114 50
Eagle Springs						2 76	47	1 62		3 00					7 85
Emmaus	750 00	100 00				6 70	3 10	10 25		16 00	1 00	1 50	1 60		140 15
Ephesus	350 00	75 00	59 73		6 87	5 00	5 14	5 00		6 00	1 25	1 30	1 26		166 54
Fall Creek		125 00			6 00	8 00	8 00	10 00		13 00	1 50	1 50	1 98	6 35	181 33
Flat Springs	1000 00	125 00	60 00		7 00	5 33	2 97	1 64		3 81	2 02		50		208 27
Flint Hill															
Friendship															
Gum Springs	1000 00	150 00		5 00	14 50	10 00	7 00	13 15	50	15 00	7 28	2 00	2 15	83 51	310 09
Hickory Mountain	600 00	100 00		6 10	6 00	7 15	5 00	6 00		13 93		1 25	1 10		146 50
Jonesboro		400 00	14 00	57 75	71 33	80 00	85 00	100 00	2 46	60 00	6 00	5 28	4 00	5 00	890 82
Love's Creek	1700 00	250 00		75 00		15 06	12 50	30 00		27 50	3 00		2 00		415 00
May's Chapel	1000 00	100 00				9 00	4 34	10 00		15 00		3 10	1 10		142 54
Mechanics' Hill	600 00					1 00		75		2 00			40	3 35	7 50
Mineral Springs	1000 00	100 00		8 00	7 77	10 00	10 30	20 00	1 60	20 87	3 00		85		182 39
Moon's Chapel	5 00	75 00		10 00	3 00	4 18	4 00	4 00		15 00		3 75	1 15		120 08
Mt. Olive	2000 00	150 00	170 00	7 50	6 40	15 00	10 00	16 00	50	20 00	6 00	2 00	1 50	13 12	418 02
Mt. Pleasant	1000 00	50 00			1 25		1 00	2 50		2 35		60	50	7 55	65 75
New Salem	500 00	50 00			2 40	3 30	4 00	4 00	68	5 00	2 00	2 05	1 25	7 15	81 83
Pinebluff					27 90					5 00			70	93 19	126 79
Pine Grove	400 00	75 00			1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		4 00			55		83 55
Pittsboro	1000 00	200 00	112 16	17 29	18 60	35 00	51 11	60 00	1 00	47 50	7 00	6 60	1 50	33 05	690 81
Rives Chapel	900 00	100 00			6 50	6 22	4 40	5 25		2 90	3 37	1 60	60	13 00	143 84
Rock Springs	500 00	75 00			6 10	3 00	7 00	9 25	70	10 50	2 00	1 00	1 15	8 40	124 10
Rocky River	400 00	100 00			6 00	8 00	6 00	10 00		23 50	2 00	1 00	1 00		157 50
Sandy Branch	850 00	200 00		50 00	14 27	19 39	16 70	31 75		20 00	5 75	2 02	2 50	4 25	366 63
Sandy Creek	1000 00	50 00	25 00	5 85	15 00					1 80		1 80	80		100 25
Sanford	3000 00	732 85		53 48	67 64	100 00	61 86	100 00	4 46	52 50	6 06	5 50	1 50	76 36	1262 21
Siler City	1500 00	400 00		142 99	37 88	35 00	35 00	75 00		41 32	3 08	3 00	2 50		775 77
Southern Pines	2000 00	362 95		30 00	50 00	5 00	5 00	3 00		45 02			1 00	85 75	587 72
Staley					7 00	50	2 00	2 00		7 00	1 00	50	50	16 36	36 86
Tyson's Creek	1000 00	150 00		30 00	6 00	19 50	12 00	20 95		20 16	2 95		60	20 65	282 81
Union Grove	1000 00	50 00	125 00	23 33	5 00		2 00	4 00		6 00		2 00	1 00		218 33
Total	$ 36350 00	$6140 79	$ 720 89	$ 655 34	$ 597 49	$ 595 78	$ 518 29	$ 763 74	$ 23 55	$ 847 36	$ 94 57	$72 04	$49 20	$ 613 17	$ 11602 84

APPORTIONMENTS FOR YEAR 1910–1911.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage.	Education.	Old Ministers.	Total.
Aberdeen	$ 25 00	$ 20 00	$ 25 00	$ 2 00	$ 35 00	$ 5 00	$ 2 00	$ 114 00
Antioch	5 00	2 00	5 00	50	2 00	1 00	1 00	16 50
Bear Creek	6 00	6 00	6 00	1 00	10 00	1 00	1 00	31 00
Bethany	30 00	25 00	30 00	2 00	45 00	4 00	2 00	138 00
Bethlehem	8 00	6 00	8 00	1 00	10 00	1 09	1 00	35 00
Beulah	6 00	3 00	6 00	50	5 00	1 00	1 00	22 50
Biscoe	7 00	5 00	7 00	50	10 00	1 00	1 00	31 50
Brush Creek	25 00	20 00	25 00	2 00	35 00	3 00	2 00	112 00
Cameron	50 00	30 00	50 00	3 00	60 00	5 00	3 00	201 00
Carthage	55 00	35 00	55 00	4 00	65 00	8 00	4 00	226 00
Cool Springs	12 00	6 00	12 00	1 00	15 00	1 00	1 00	48 00
Deep River	2 00	1 00	2 00	50	2 00	....	50	8 00
Eagle Springs	2 00	1 00	2 00	....	2 00	. ...	50	7 50
Emmaus	12 00	8 00	12 00	1 00	15 00	1 00	2 00	51 00
Ephesus	6 00	5 00	6 00	50	6 00	1 00	1 00	25 00
Fall Creek	18 00	10 00	18 00	1 00	16 00	2 00	2 00	67 00
Flat Springs	5 00	3 00	5 00	50	10 00	1 00	1 00	25 50
Flint Hill	2 00	1 00	2 00	....	2 00	....	1 00	8 00
Friendship	3 00	2 00	3 00	50	2 00	1 00	1 00	12 50
Gum Springs	12 50	8 00	12 50	1 00	15 00	2 00	1 00	52 00
Hickory Mountain	10 00	6 00	10 00	1 00	15 00	2 00	2 00	46 00
Jonesboro	75 00	50 00	75 00	5 00	65 00	1 00	5 00	285 00
Love's Creek	25 00	16 00	25 00	2 00	25 00	3 00	2 00	98 00
May's Chapel	12 00	8 00	12 00	1 00	15 00	2 00	1 00	51 00
Mechanics' Hill	3 00	1 00	3 00		2 00	1 00	1 00	11 00
Mineral Springs	15 00	10 00	15 00	1 00	20 00	2 00	1 00	64 00
Moon's Chapel	7 00	5 00	7 00	50	10 00	1 00	1 00	31 50
Mt. Olive	18 00	10 00	18 00	2 00	20 00	4 00	2 00	74 00
Mt. Pleasant	2 00	1 00	2 00	.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	9 00
New Salem	4 00	3 00	4 00	50	5 00	1 00	1 00	18 50
Pinebluff	2 00	1 00	2 00	50	2 00	1 00	1 00	9 50
Pine Grove	2 00	2 00	2 00	50	2 00	50	50	9 50
Pittsboro	50 00	35 00	50 00	3 00	50 00	5 00	3 00	196 00
Rives Chapel	8 00	6 00	8 00	1 00	8 00	1 00	1 00	31 00
Rock Springs	7 00	5 00	7 00	1 00	9 00	1 00	1 00	31 00
Rocky River	12 00	10 00	12 00	1 00	20 00	2 00	1 00	58 00
Sandy Branch	25 00	15 00	25 00	2 00	25 00	5 00	2 00	99 00
Sandy Creek	2 00	1 00	2 00	......	2 00	1 00	50	8 50
Sanford	100 00	60 00	100 00	5 00	60 00	10 00	5 00	340 00
Siler City	50 00	35 00	50 00	3 00	50 00	5 00	3 00	106 00
Staley	2 00	2 00	2 00	....	5 00	1 00	50	12 50
Southern Pines	7 00	5 00	7 00	1 00	15 00	2 00	1 00	38 00
Tyson's Creek	18 00	12 00	18 00	1 00	20 00	2 00	2 00	73 00
Union Grove	5 00	4 00	5 00	50	5 00	1 00	1 00	21 50
Total	$ 752 50	$ 500 00	$ 752 50	$55 00	$ 814 00	$ 103 50	$68 50	$3046 00

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SANDY CREEK SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

FRIDAY, May 27, 1910.

The Sandy Creek Sunday School Association met in its Twenty-First Annual Session with the Church at Cool Springs. The Introductory Sermon was preached according to previous appointment by James R. Edwards at 11 o'clock A. M.

In the afternoon devotional exercises were led by J. S. Thomas, after which the Moderator called the Association to order. The roll of Churches was called and the following Churches were represented: Brush Creek, J. E. Spence; Bethany, S. P. Moore; Carthage, C. L. Dowell; Cool Springs, G. M. Gilmore, Richard Glass, Maggie Hilliard; Deep River, B. A. Spence; Jonesboro, W. G. King; May's Chapel, W. M. Burns; Mineral Spring, R. R. Moore; Mt. Olive, J. S. Thomas; Pittsboro, R. B. Lineberry; Sandy Branch, W. P. Ivey, C. M. Webster, Alba Phillips; Sanford, T. L. Chisholm, E. D. Nall

Ordained Ministers present: L. R. Dixon, C. L. Dowell, W. H. H. Lawhon, James R. Edwards, R. R. Moore, G. W. Harmon, R. B. Lineberry, F. D. King.

Superintendents of Sunday Schools present: J. E. Spence, J. H. Henley.

On Permanent Organization: L. R. Dixon was re-elected Moderator and W. Merritt Burns, Clerk and Treasurer.

Rev. W. G. King, a former pastor of this Association, was welcomed as a member of the body.

On motion the program prepared by the pastor was adopted.

Has Our Sunday School Been a Success? Discussed by L. R. Dixon, R. B. Lineberry, James R. Edwards, F. D. King, R. R. Moore, W. H. H. Lawhon. The great growth of interest in the Sunday School work in the Sandy Creek Association in the past twenty years was believed by the speakers to be due in part at least, to the work of the Sunday School Association, and the question was answered affirmatively.

Authority for the Sunday School Work, both in Old Testament and New Testament, and Examples of it: Discussed by R. B. Lineberry, F. D. King, James R. Edwards, C. L. Dowell.

Example of Abraham teaching and training his household—Moses' words in Duet., 31:12, Nehemiah, 8th chapter, Matt., 28:19-20, the Sermon on the Mount by Jesus, the Example in Old Testament of Synagogue teaching and Jesus teaching on Sabbath in Synagogue, were given as an answer to this question.

The Sunday School Scholar of To-day, and the Church Member of To-morrow, was discussed by C. L. Dowell, R. B. Lineberry.

A motion was carried to lay the question on table.

The Moderator appointed the following committees :

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons Cool Spring Church.

Place and Preacher for Next Association—T. L. Chisholm, J. E. Spence, W. P. Ivey.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises led by G. W. Harmon. The following delegates reported themselves and were enrolled :

M. J. Jordan, D. E. Murchison, from Bethany.

N. A. Gilmore, N. H. Perry, from May's Chapel.

Dr. O. B. Stroud, from Mineral Springs.

W. W. Moore, from Jonesboro.

Superintendents of Sunday Schools reporting to-day : N. A. Gilmore, Dr. O. B. Stroud, W. W. Moore, D. E. Murchison.

The Association now took up a discussion of the Laymen's Movement. M. J. Jordan was called to the chair.

(1) What Is It? By C. L. Dowell.

(2) God's Call to Laymen. J. E. Spence, R. R. Moore, W. H. H. Lawhon.

(3) The Stewardship of Wealth. James R. Edwards, Thos. Glass, C. M. Webster, N. A. Gilmore, Jas. H. Henley, C. L. Dowell.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The last Union instructed the Executive Board to name a Time, Place and Preacher for next Union. Friday before the fifth Sunday in July, at May's Chapel, and W. G. King, as Preacher, were named.

The Committee on Place and Preacher for next Sunday School Association reported and recommended Bethany as the Place, and W. H. H. Lawhon as Preacher. Report adopted.

C. L. Dowell offered a resolution tendering the thanks of the body to Cool Springs Church and community for their generous hospitality. Adjourned.

Mt. Olive asked for the ordination of J. S. Thomas. A presbytery was organized and Bro. Thomas was publicly examined and ordained. The following ministers took part: W. H. H. Lawhon, Chairman, C. L. Dowell, R. R. Moore, G. W. Harmon, W. G. King, L. R. Dixon, James R. Edwards, R. B. Lineberry. James R. Edwards and R. B. Lineberry delivered the charge, C. L. Dowell led the prayer, L. R. Dixon presented the Bible.

Sunday morning there were talks by — — Liles and J. E. Spence on "What the Sunday School Has Done for Me."

C. L. Dowell preached at 11 o'clock.

Constitution of the Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

Article 1. This body shall be denominated and known as the Sandy Creek Baptist Sunday School Association.

Art. 2. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom in the prosecution of the Sunday School work.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of brethren or sisters chosen by the Sunday Schools connected with it, each school being entitled to three delegates. Ministers who are members or pastors of churches connected with the schools of this body and superintendents of such Sunday Schools shall be considered members ex-officio.

Art 4. The delegates from each school shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving a full account of the condition of the school (as required by the blanks) and a statement of all the funds contributed by the school during the past year.

Art. 5. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, and a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually and continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce order, appoint committees, decide questions of order, etc., and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the schools.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the schools or collected during the session of the body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association, and make an annual report of his work to the body.

Art. 9. Any Sunday School desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose.

Art. 10. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

Art. 11. The annual session shall be held on Friday and Saturday before the first fifth Sunday after the first day in March.

Art. 12. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached during each session an introductory sermon, also an annual sermon on Sunday.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1909–1910.

SUNDAY SCHOOLLS	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Enrolled	Average Attendance	Months Kept Open	Volumes in Library	Quarterlies & Papers Taken	Orphanage	Sunday Schools	School Expenses	Other Objects
rdeen	J. A. Bryant, Aberdeen	6	30	25	12		75	$ 30 75	$	$ 22 70	$
ioch	J. J. Fields, Bear Creek	5	60	40	6		65				
r Creek	T. D. Brooks, Bear Creek	6	60	40							
hany	D. E. Murchison, Gulf	7	60	30	12	62	72	14 24		12 75	20 12
hlehem	C. G. Sullivan, Carthage	8	43	30	12	50					
lah	C. C. Purvis, Noise	10	85	60	12		125			6 00	
coe	Union School	3	40		12					11 50	
sh Creek	J. E. Spence, Cole's Store	7	158	81	12		155	31 12			
neron	W. C. Spivey, Cameron	7	70	40	12	200	105	7 25		12 12	5 07
thage	H. F. Seawell, Carthage	7	110	65	12	120	200	30 00	5 00	7 45	16 75
l Springs	J. H. Henley, rfd 1, Sanford	10	75	50	12		120			85 32	1 00
p River	H. F. Brown, Coleridge	6	50	45	12					12 25	
gle Springs										10 00	
maus	W. E. Cheek, rfd 2, Pittsboro	6	70	37	12		60	3 40			
hesus	C. H. Teague, Cameron	6	31	16	9	20	50			6 00	
l Creek	G. C. Phillips, Bear Creek	9	100	60	10		90			6 87	4 50
t Springs	A. C. Bridges, Moncure	7	40	36	12					7 50	
nt Hill										2 75	
n Springs	C. D. Wilkie, Moncure	9	85	45	12		120				2 08
kory Mountain	E. V. Straughan, rfd Siler City	6	60	45	12	50	60			14 50	
esboro	W. W. Moore, Jonesboro	20	200	85	12	200		40 91		53 46	5 42
e's Creek											
y's Chapel	N. A. Gilmore, Stork	8	40	35	9	56	35	25 00		4 00	
neral Springs	Dr. O. B. Stroud, Ore Hill	6	60	50	12		79	9 76	1 60	7 77	
Olive	R. F. Andrews, Manndale	9	87	65	12		110			8 00	
v Salem	J. T. Ellington Bynum	5	40	20	9		32			69	
e Grove	Robert N. Furr, Biscoe										
sboro	J. L. Griffin, Pittsboro	7	50	25	12	60	75	12 16	1 00	18 60	17 29
es Chapel	T. J. Dark, Siler City, R	6	66	39	6					6 50	
k Springs	P. T. Farrell, Pittsboro	7	63	35	12		75	3 40		6 10	
ky River	W. A. Brewer, rfd 1, Siler City	6	60	40	12		60			6 00	
dy Branch	Geo. Blalock, Siler City	7	128	65	12		110			10 15	
y Grove	D. M. Frazier, Staley	6	57	45	9		25	15 98		7 00	
dy Creek	Miliard Frazier, Staley	4	60	50	9		60			15 00	
ford	W. C. York, Sanford	2	209	106	12		367	50 56		42 03	47 38
r City	R. H. Dixon, Siler City	12	163	81	12	50		40 00		36 80	
ey	C. P. Fox, Staley	7	75	30	12			5 00		5 50	
thern Pines	S. B. Richardson, Southern Pines	8	35	30	9	200	35	45 02		50 00	
on's Creek	L. Moon, Harper's X Roads	6	100	50	12		75	12 00	1 00	6 00	
on Grove	D. W. Reader, rfd 1, Steeds	5	65	35	9	50	65			5 00	
Total		266	2785			1118		$374 55	$8 60	$ 507 81	$119 61

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